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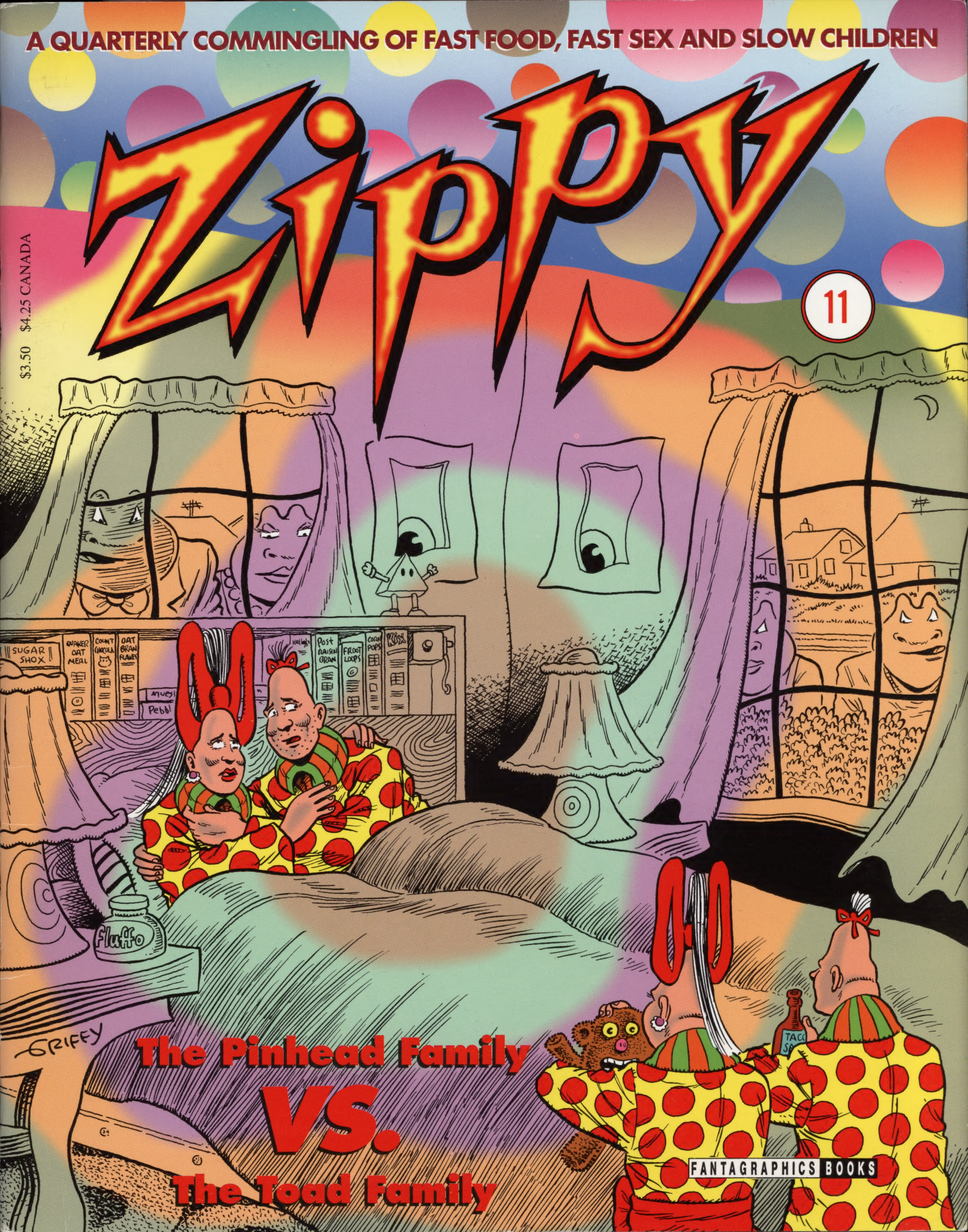
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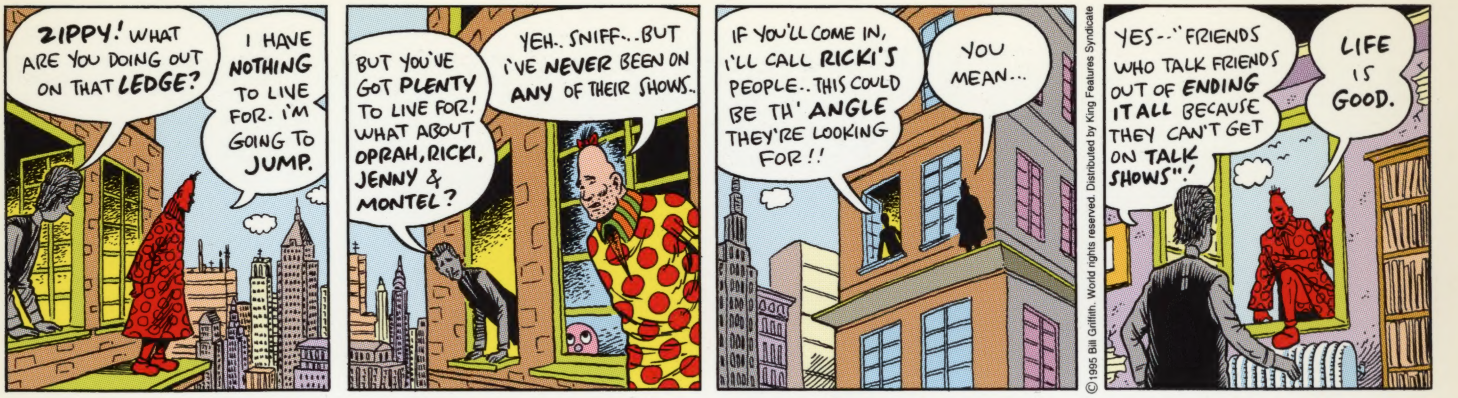
ZIPPY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT ON THAT LEDGE?
I HAVE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR. I'M GOING TO JUMP.
BUT YOU'VE GOT PLENTY TO LIVE FOR! WHAT ABOUT OPRAH, RICKI, JENNY & MONTEL?
YEH.. SNIFF.. BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ON ANY OF THEIR SHOWS..
IF YOU'LL COME IN, I'LL CALL RICKI'S PEOPLE.. THIS COULD BE TH' ANGLE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR!!
YOU MEAN...
YES--"FRIENDS WHO TALK FRIENDS OUT OF ENDING IT ALL BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET ON TALK SHOWS"!
LIFE IS GOOD.
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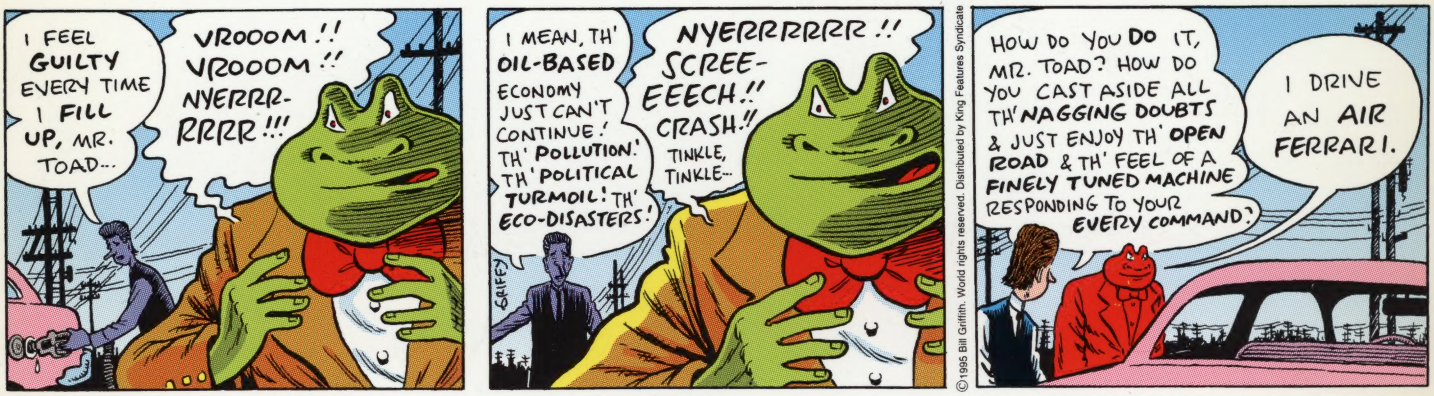
I FEEL GUILTY EVERY TIME I FILL UP, MR. TOAD...
VROOOM!! VROOOM!! NYERRR-RRRR!!!
GRIFFY
I MEAN, TH' OIL-BASED ECONOMY JUST CAN'T CONTINUE! TH' POLLUTION! TH' POLITICAL TURMOIL! TH' ECO-DISASTERS!
NYERRRRRR!! SCREE-EEECH!! CRASH!! TINKLE, TINKLE...
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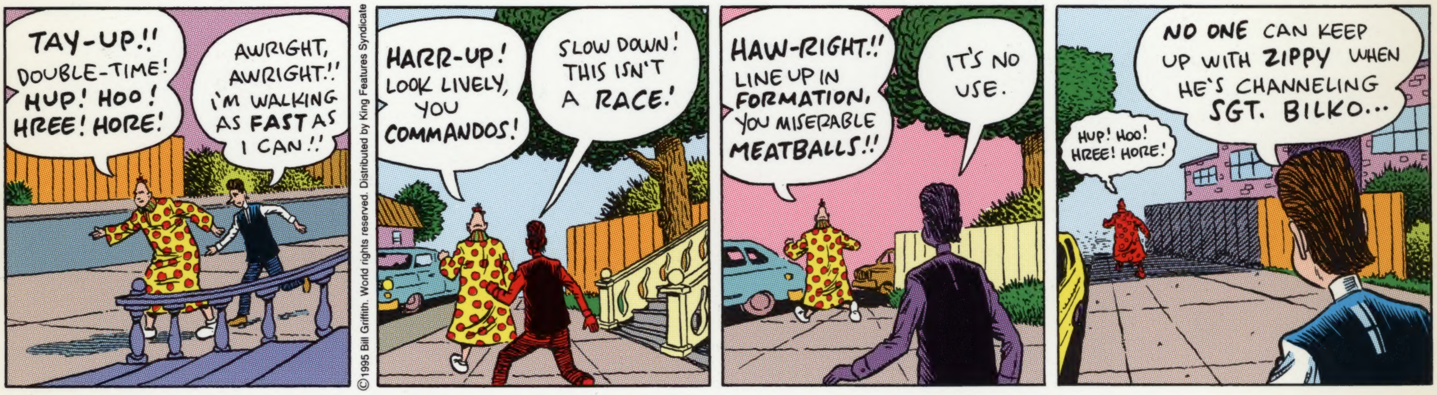
HOW DO YOU DO IT, MR. TOAD? HOW DO YOU CAST ASIDE ALL TH' NAGGING DOUBTS & JUST ENJOY TH' OPEN ROAD & TH' FEEL OF A FINELY TUNED MACHINE RESPONDING TO YOUR EVERY COMMAND?
I DRIVE AN AIR FERRARI.


TAY-UP!! DOUBLE-TIME! HUP! HOO! HREE! HORE!
AWRIGHT, AWRIGHT!! I'M WALKING AS FAST AS I CAN!!
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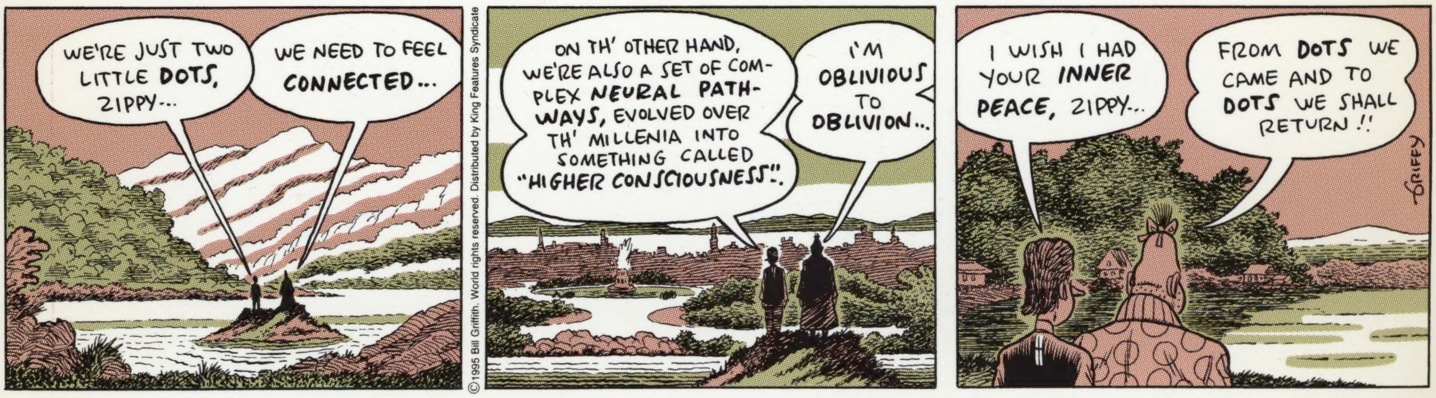
HARR-UP! LOOK LIVELY, YOU COMMANDOS!
SLOW DOWN! THIS ISN'T A RACE!
HAW-RIGHT!! LINE UP IN FORMATION, YOU MISERABLE MEATBALLS!!
IT'S NO USE.
NO ONE CAN KEEP UP WITH ZIPPY WHEN HE'S CHANNELING SGT. BILKO...
HUP! HOO! HREE! HORE!


WE'RE JUST TWO LITTLE DOTS, ZIPPY...
WE NEED TO FEEL CONNECTED...
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ON TH' OTHER HAND, WE'RE ALSO A SET OF COMPLEX NEURAL PATHWAYS, EVOLVED OVER TH' MILLENIA INTO SOMETHING CALLED "HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS"!
I'M OBLIVIOUS TO OBLIVION...
I WISH I HAD YOUR INNER PEACE, ZIPPY...
FROM DOTS WE CAME AND TO DOTS WE SHALL RETURN!!
GRIFFY

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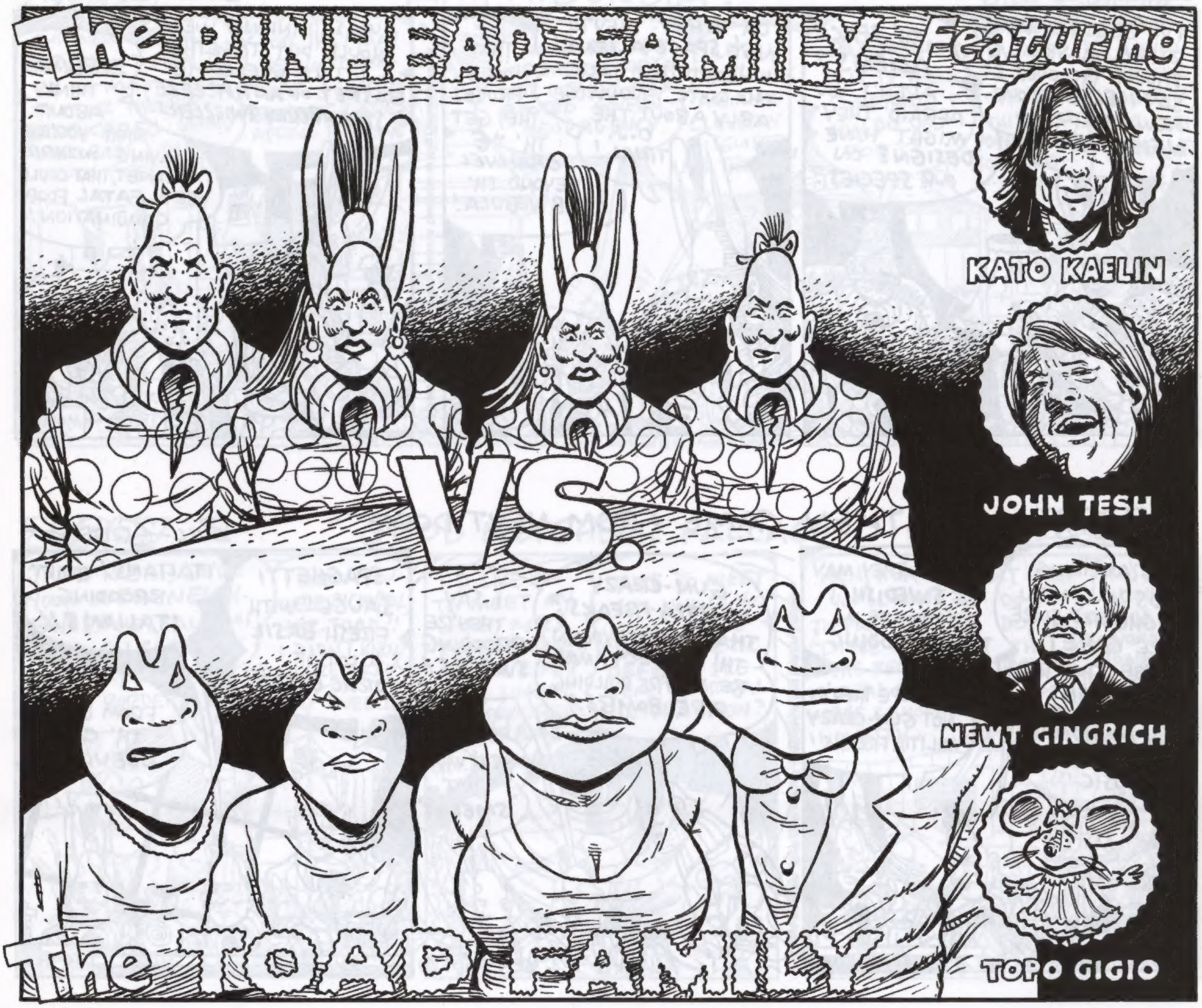
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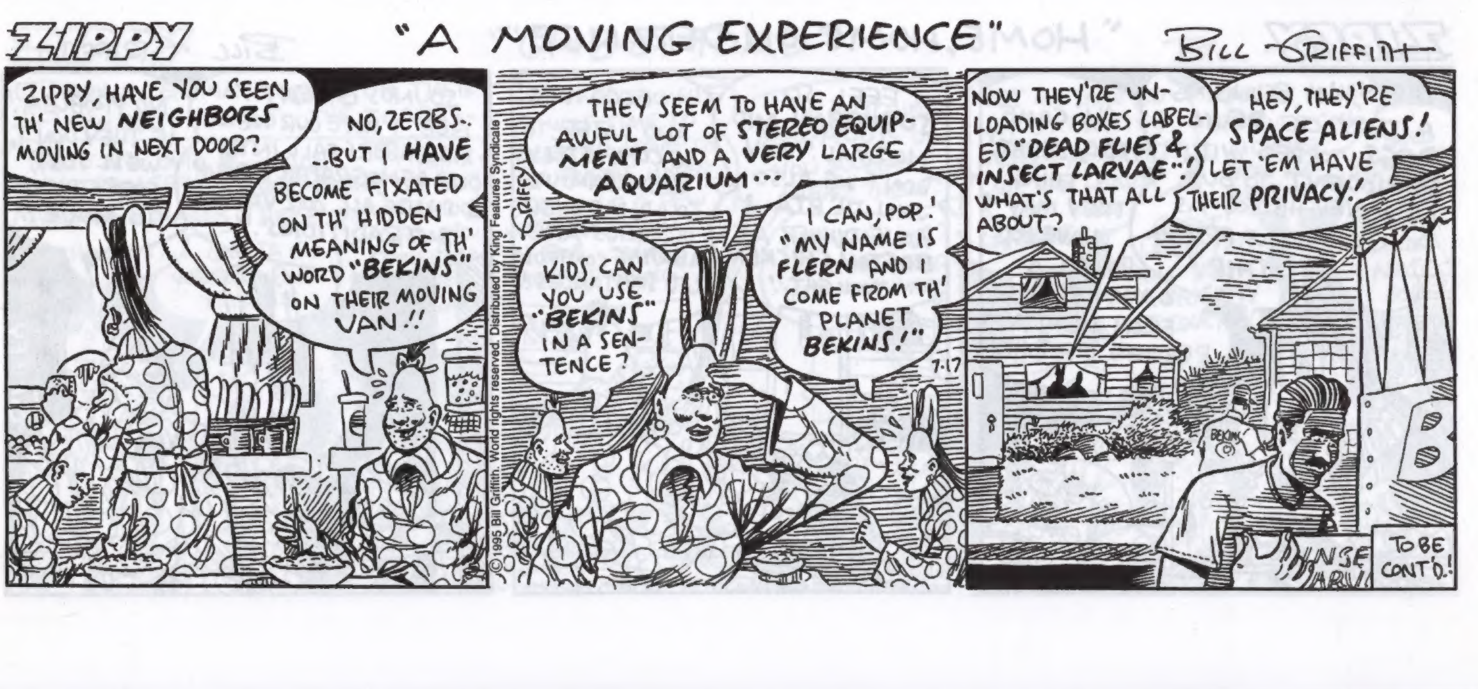
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"A MOVING EXPERIENCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, HAVE YOU SEEN TH' NEW NEIGHBORS MOVING IN NEXT DOOR?
NO, ZERBS.. ..BUT I HAVE BECOME FIXATED ON TH' HIDDEN MEANING OF TH' WORD "BEKINS" ON THEIR MOVING VAN!!
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GRIFFY
THEY SEEM TO HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF STEREO EQUIPMENT AND A VERY LARGE AQUARIUM...
KIDS, CAN YOU USE "BEKINS" IN A SENTENCE?
I CAN, POP! "MY NAME IS FLERN AND I COME FROM TH' PLANET BEKINS!"
7-17
NOW THEY'RE UNLOADING BOXES LABELED "DEAD FLIES & INSECT LARVAE"..! WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
HEY, THEY'RE SPACE ALIENS! LET 'EM HAVE THEIR PRIVACY!
BEKINS
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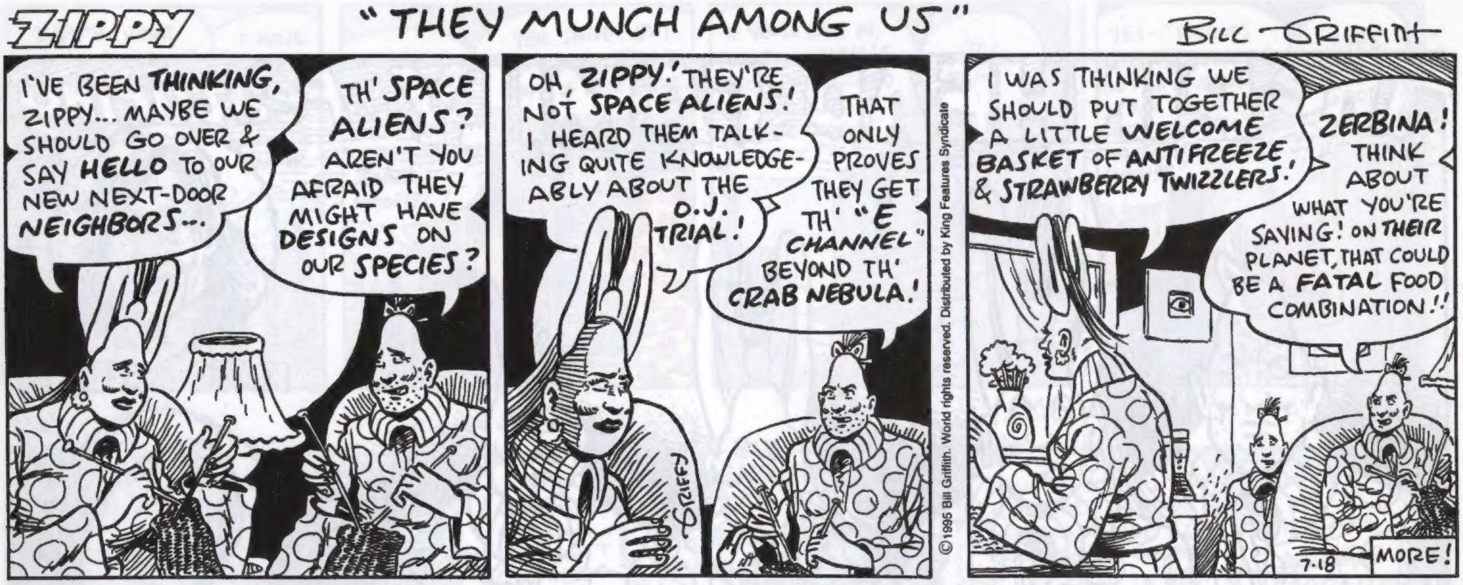
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"THEY MUNCH AMONG US"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE BEEN THINKING, ZIPPY... MAYBE WE SHOULD GO OVER & SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS...
TH' SPACE ALIENS? AREN'T YOU AFRAID THEY MIGHT HAVE DESIGNS ON OUR SPECIES?
OH, ZIPPY! THEY'RE NOT SPACE ALIENS! I HEARD THEM TALKING QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLY ABOUT THE O.J. TRIAL!
THAT ONLY PROVES THEY GET TH' "E CHANNEL" BEYOND TH' CRAB NEBULA!
GRIFFY
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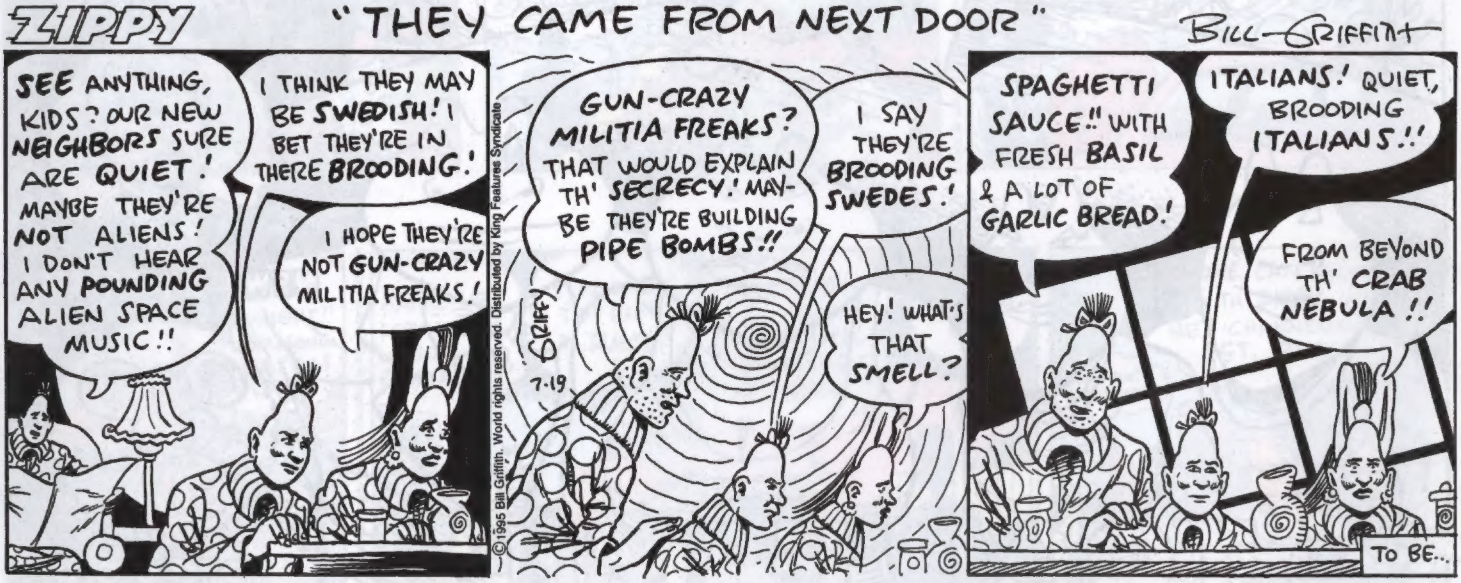
I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD PUT TOGETHER A LITTLE WELCOME BASKET OF ANTIFREEZE & STRAWBERRY TWIZZLERS.
ZERBINA! THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! ON THEIR PLANET, THAT COULD BE A FATAL FOOD COMBINATION!!
7·18
MORE!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"THEY CAME FROM NEXT DOOR"
BILL GRIFFITH
SEE ANYTHING, KIDS? OUR NEW NEIGHBORS SURE ARE QUIET! MAYBE THEY'RE NOT ALIENS! I DON'T HEAR ANY POUNDING ALIEN SPACE MUSIC!!
I THINK THEY MAY BE SWEDISH! I BET THEY'RE IN THERE BROODING!
I HOPE THEY'RE NOT GUN-CRAZY MILITIA FREAKS!
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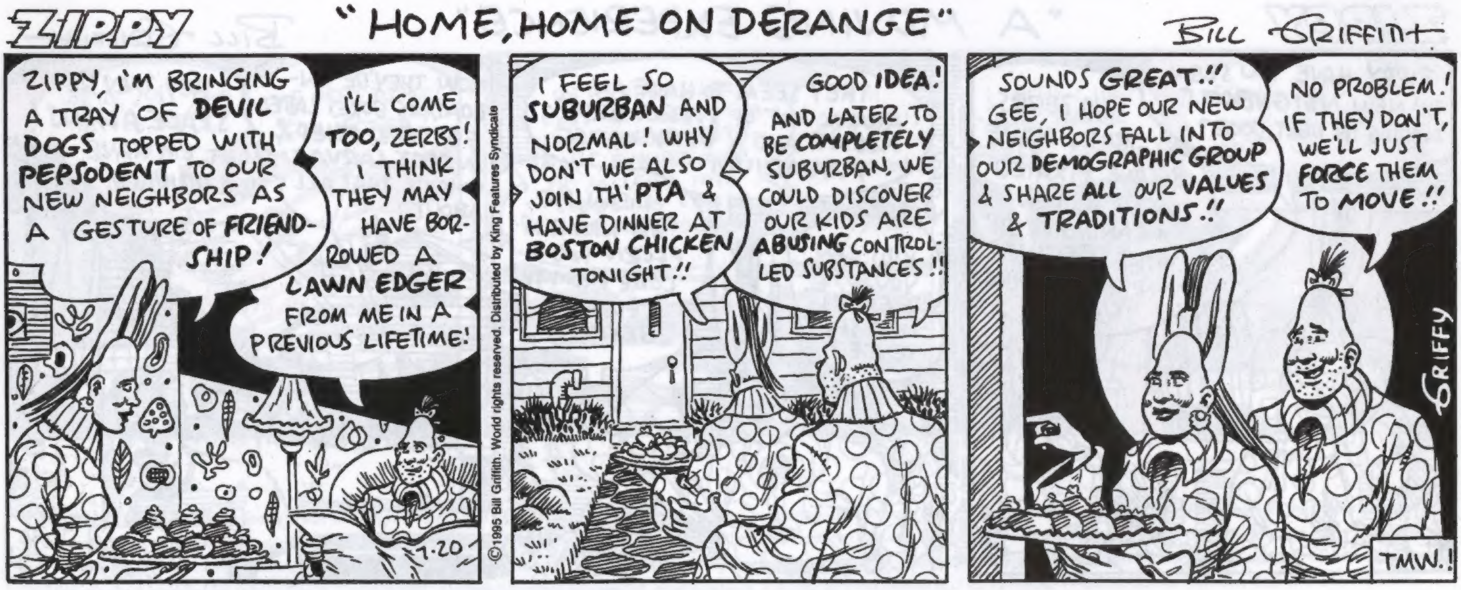
GUN-CRAZY MILITIA FREAKS? THAT WOULD EXPLAIN TH' SECRECY! MAYBE THEY'RE BUILDING PIPE BOMBS!!
I SAY THEY'RE BROODING SWEDES!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
GRIFFY
7·19
SPAGHETTI SAUCE!! WITH FRESH BASIL & A LOT OF GARLIC BREAD!
ITALIANS! QUIET, BROODING ITALIANS!!
FROM BEYOND TH' CRAB NEBULA!!
TO BE...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"HOME, HOME ON DERANGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I'M BRINGING A TRAY OF DEVIL DOGS TOPPED WITH PEPSODENT TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS AS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP!
I'LL COME TOO, ZERBS! I THINK THEY MAY HAVE BORROWED A LAWN EDGER FROM ME IN A PREVIOUS LIFETIME!
7·20
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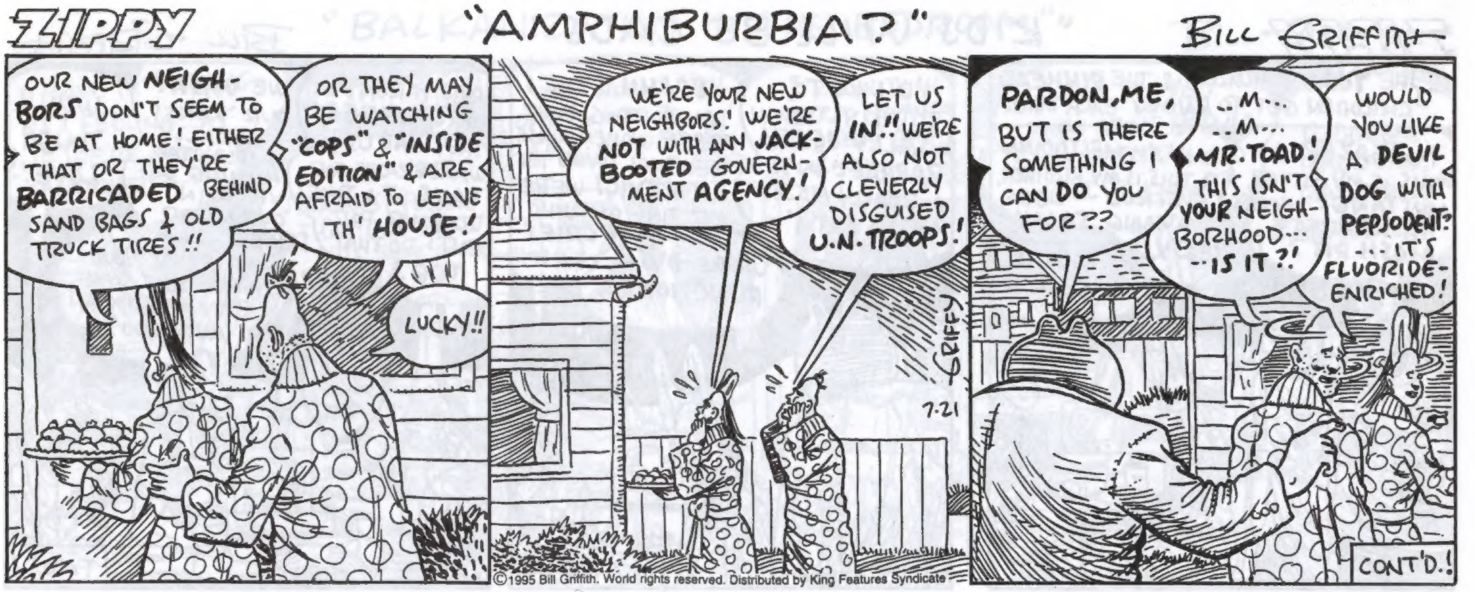
I FEEL SO SUBURBAN AND NORMAL! WHY DON'T WE ALSO JOIN TH' PTA & HAVE DINNER AT BOSTON CHICKEN TONIGHT!!
GOOD IDEA! AND LATER, TO BE COMPLETELY SUBURBAN, WE COULD DISCOVER OUR KIDS ARE ABUSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES!!
SOUNDS GREAT!! GEE, I HOPE OUR NEW NEIGHBORS FALL INTO OUR DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP & SHARE ALL OUR VALUES & TRADITIONS!!
NO PROBLEM! IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL JUST FORCE THEM TO MOVE!!
GRIFFY
TMW.!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"AMPHIBURBIA?"
BILL GRIFFITH
OUR NEW NEIGHBORS DON'T SEEM TO BE AT HOME! EITHER THAT OR THEY'RE BARRICADED BEHIND SAND BAGS & OLD TRUCK TIRES!!
OR THEY MAY BE WATCHING "COPS" & "INSIDE EDITION" & ARE AFRAID TO LEAVE TH' HOUSE!
LUCKY!!
WE'RE YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS! WE'RE NOT WITH ANY JACK-BOOTED GOVERNMENT AGENCY!
LET US IN!! WE'RE ALSO NOT CLEVERLY DISGUISED U.N. TROOPS!
GRIFFY
7-21
PARDON, ME, BUT IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO YOU FOR??
..M... ..M... MR. TOAD! THIS ISN'T YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD... ..IS IT?!
WOULD YOU LIKE A DEVIL DOG WITH PEPSODENT? ...IT'S FLUORIDE-ENRICHED!
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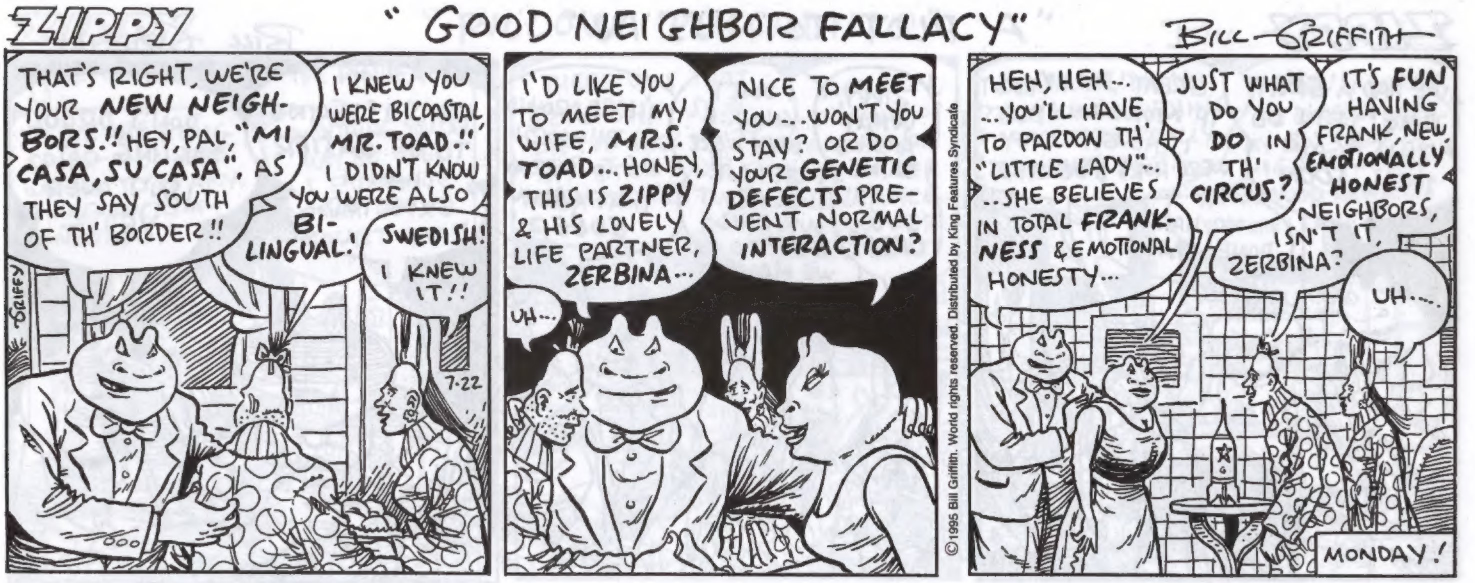
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" GOOD NEIGHBOR FALLACY"
BILL GRIFFITH
THAT'S RIGHT. WE'RE YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!! HEY, PAL, "MI CASA, SU CASA", AS THEY SAY SOUTH OF TH' BORDER!!
I KNEW YOU WERE BICOASTAL MR. TOAD!! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ALSO BI-LINGUAL!
SWEDISH! I KNEW IT!!
GRIFFY
7-22
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY WIFE, MRS. TOAD... HONEY, THIS IS ZIPPY & HIS LOVELY LIFE PARTNER, ZERBINA...
NICE TO MEET YOU... WON'T YOU STAY? OR DO YOUR GENETIC DEFECTS PREVENT NORMAL INTERACTION?
UH...
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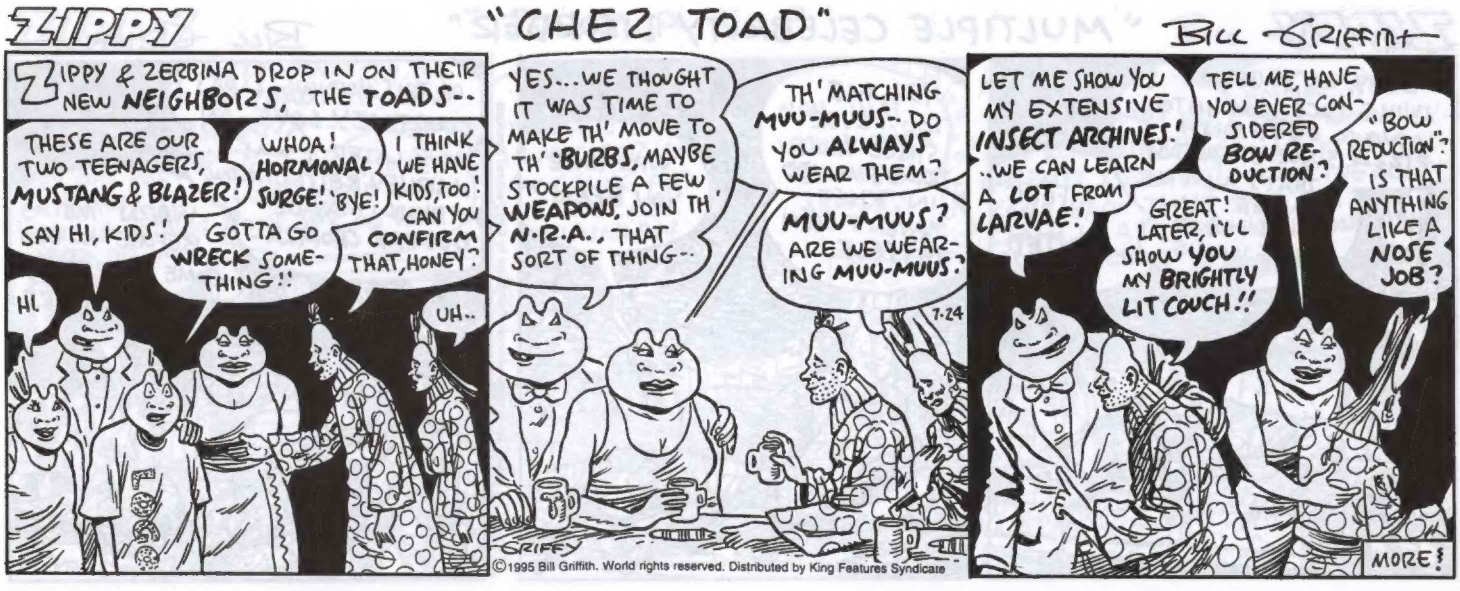
HEH, HEH... ...YOU'LL HAVE TO PARDON TH' "LITTLE LADY"... ...SHE BELIEVES IN TOTAL FRANKNESS & EMOTIONAL HONESTY...
JUST WHAT DO YOU DO IN TH' CIRCUS?
IT'S FUN HAVING FRANK, NEW, EMOTIONALLY HONEST NEIGHBORS, ISN'T IT, ZERBINA?
UH....
MONDAY!


ZIPPY
"CHEZ TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & ZERBINA DROP IN ON THEIR NEW NEIGHBORS, THE TOADS--
THESE ARE OUR TWO TEENAGERS, MUSTANG & BLAZER! SAY HI, KIDS!
HI
WHOA! HORMONAL SURGE! 'BYE! GOTTA GO WRECK SOMETHING!!
I THINK WE HAVE KIDS, TOO! CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT, HONEY?
UH..
YES... WE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO MAKE TH' MOVE TO TH' 'BURBS, MAYBE STOCKPILE A FEW WEAPONS, JOIN TH' N.R.A., THAT SORT OF THING..
TH' MATCHING MUU-MUUS-- DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR THEM?
MUU-MUUS? ARE WE WEARING MUU-MUUS?
7-24
GRIFFY
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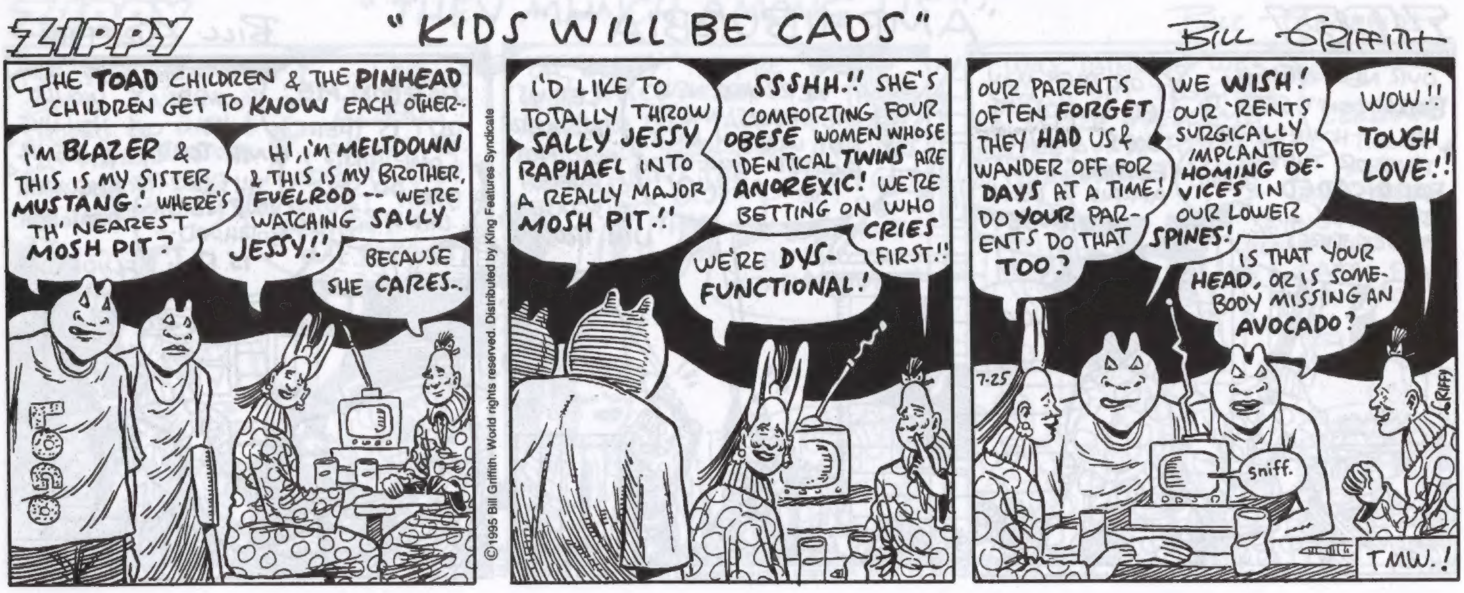
LET ME SHOW YOU MY EXTENSIVE INSECT ARCHIVES! ..WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM LARVAE!
TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BOW REDUCTION?
GREAT! LATER, I'LL SHOW YOU MY BRIGHTLY LIT COUCH!!
"BOW REDUCTION"? IS THAT ANYTHING LIKE A NOSE JOB?
MORE!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"KIDS WILL BE CADS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE TOAD CHILDREN & THE PINHEAD CHILDREN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER..
I'M BLAZER & THIS IS MY SISTER, MUSTANG! WHERE'S TH' NEAREST MOSH PIT?
HI, I'M MELTDOWN & THIS IS MY BROTHER, FUELROD -- WE'RE WATCHING SALLY JESSY!!
BECAUSE SHE CARES..
I'D LIKE TO TOTALLY THROW SALLY JESSY RAPHAEL INTO A REALLY MAJOR MOSH PIT!!
SSSHH!! SHE'S COMFORTING FOUR OBESE WOMEN WHOSE IDENTICAL TWINS ARE ANOREXIC! WE'RE BETTING ON WHO CRIES FIRST!!
WE'RE DYS-FUNCTIONAL!
OUR PARENTS OFTEN FORGET THEY HAD US & WANDER OFF FOR DAYS AT A TIME! DO YOUR PARENTS DO THAT TOO?
WE WISH! OUR 'RENTS SURGICALLY IMPLANTED HOMING DEVICES IN OUR LOWER SPINES!
WOW!! TOUGH LOVE!!
IS THAT YOUR HEAD, OR IS SOMEBODY MISSING AN AVOCADO?
Sniff.
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GRIFFY
TMW.!
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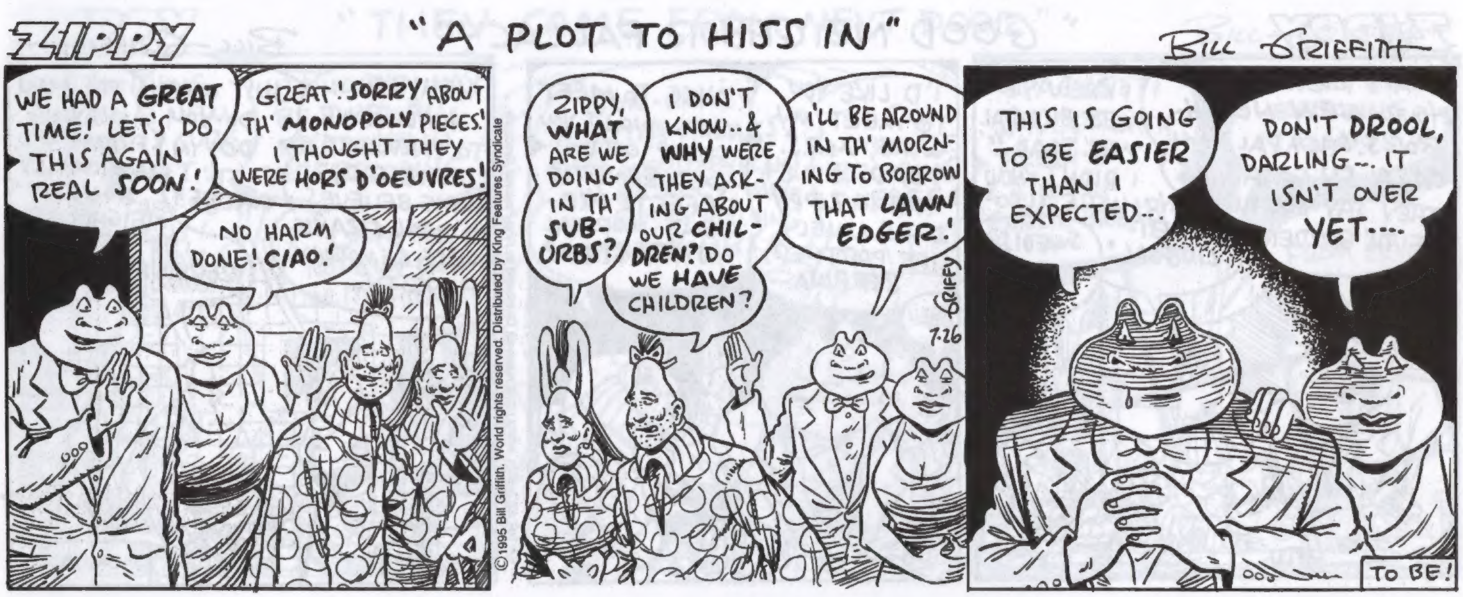
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"A PLOT TO HISS IN"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE HAD A GREAT TIME! LET'S DO THIS AGAIN REAL SOON!
GREAT! SORRY ABOUT TH' MONOPOLY PIECES! I THOUGHT THEY WERE HORS D'OEUVRES!
NO HARM DONE! CIAO!
ZIPPY, WHAT ARE WE DOING IN TH' SUBURBS?
I DON'T KNOW..& WHY WERE THEY ASKING ABOUT OUR CHILDREN? DO WE HAVE CHILDREN?
I'LL BE AROUND IN TH' MORNING TO BORROW THAT LAWN EDGER!
GRIFFY
7-26
THIS IS GOING TO BE EASIER THAN I EXPECTED..
DON'T DROOL, DARLING.. IT ISN'T OVER YET....
TO BE!
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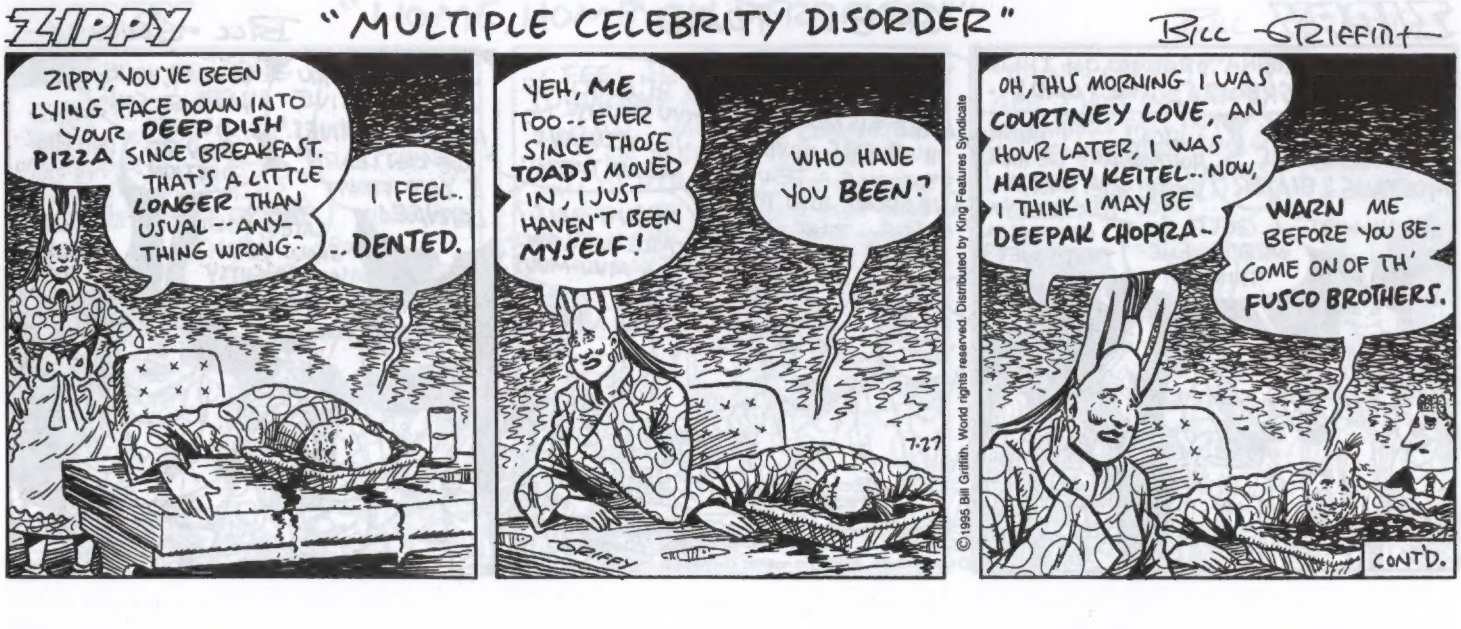
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"MULTIPLE CELEBRITY DISORDER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU'VE BEEN LYING FACE DOWN INTO YOUR DEEP DISH PIZZA SINCE BREAKFAST. THAT'S A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL -- ANYTHING WRONG?
I FEEL.. ..DENTED.
YEH, ME TOO.. EVER SINCE THOSE TOADS MOVED IN, I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN MYSELF!
WHO HAVE YOU BEEN?
7-27
GRIFFY
OH, THIS MORNING I WAS COURTNEY LOVE, AN HOUR LATER, I WAS HARVEY KEITEL.. NOW, I THINK I MAY BE DEEPAK CHOPRA..
WARN ME BEFORE YOU BECOME ON OF TH' FUSCO BROTHERS.
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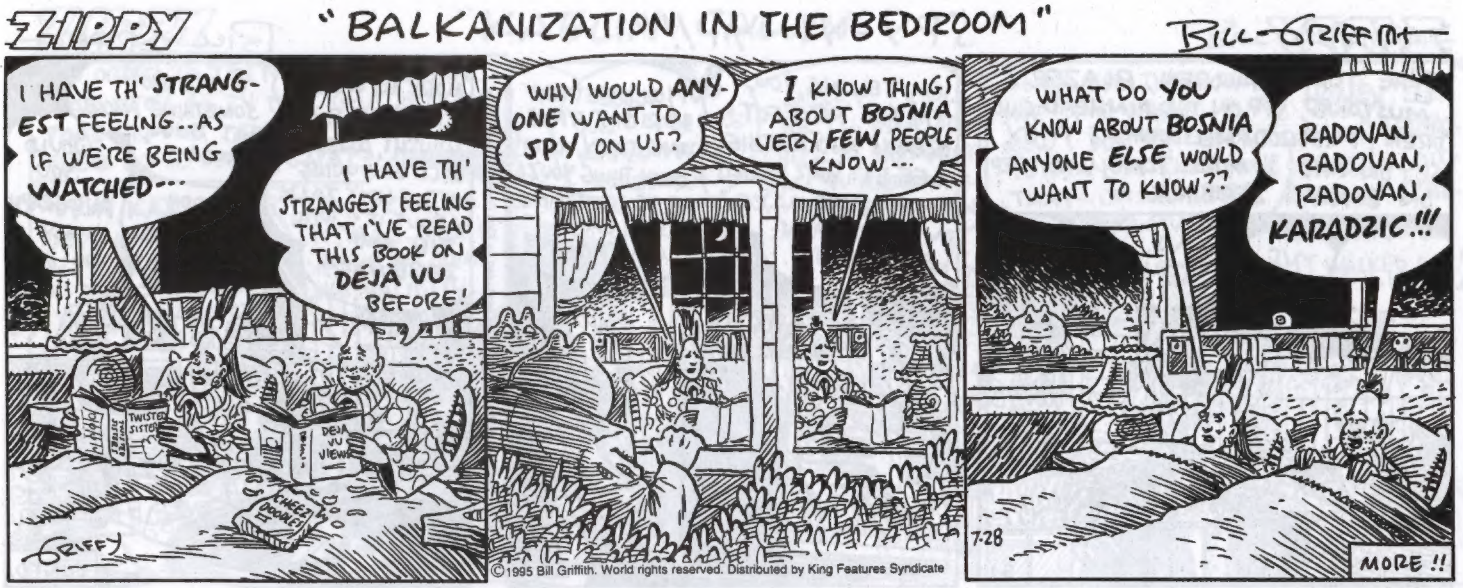
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"BALKANIZATION IN THE BEDROOM"
BILL GRIFFITH
I HAVE TH' STRANGEST FEELING...AS IF WE'RE BEING WATCHED---
I HAVE TH' STRANGEST FEELING THAT I'VE READ THIS BOOK ON DÉJÀ VU BEFORE!
TWISTED SISTERS
DEJA VU VIEWS
CHEEZ DOODLES
GRIFFY
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO SPY ON US?
I KNOW THINGS ABOUT BOSNIA VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW---
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BOSNIA ANYONE ELSE WOULD WANT TO KNOW??
RADOVAN, RADOVAN, RADOVAN, KARADZIC!!!
7-28
MORE !!

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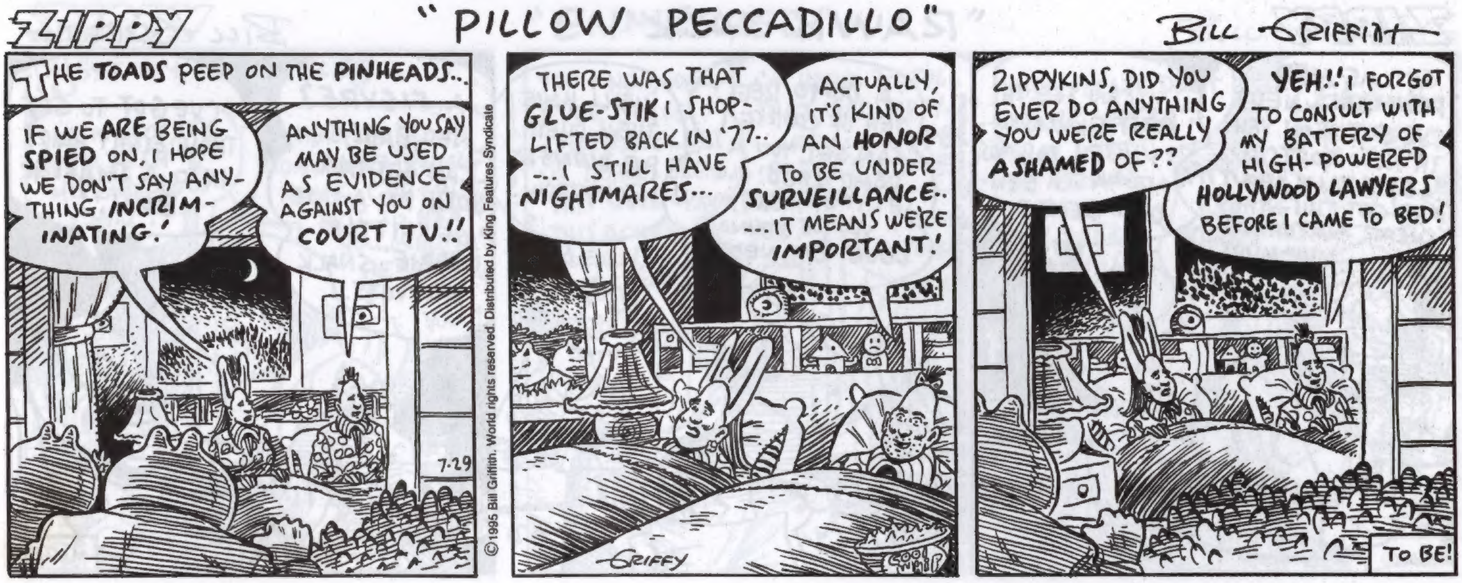
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"PILLOW PECCADILLO"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE TOADS PEEP ON THE PINHEADS..
IF WE ARE BEING SPIED ON, I HOPE WE DON'T SAY ANYTHING INCRIMINATING!
ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU ON COURT TV!!
7-29
THERE WAS THAT GLUE-STIK I SHOPLIFTED BACK IN '77.. ...I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES...
ACTUALLY, IT'S KIND OF AN HONOR TO BE UNDER SURVEILLANCE.. ...IT MEANS WE'RE IMPORTANT!
GRIFFY
ZIPPYKINS, DID YOU EVER DO ANYTHING YOU WERE REALLY ASHAMED OF??
YEH!! I FORGOT TO CONSULT WITH MY BATTERY OF HIGH-POWERED HOLLYWOOD LAWYERS BEFORE I CAME TO BED!
TO BE!

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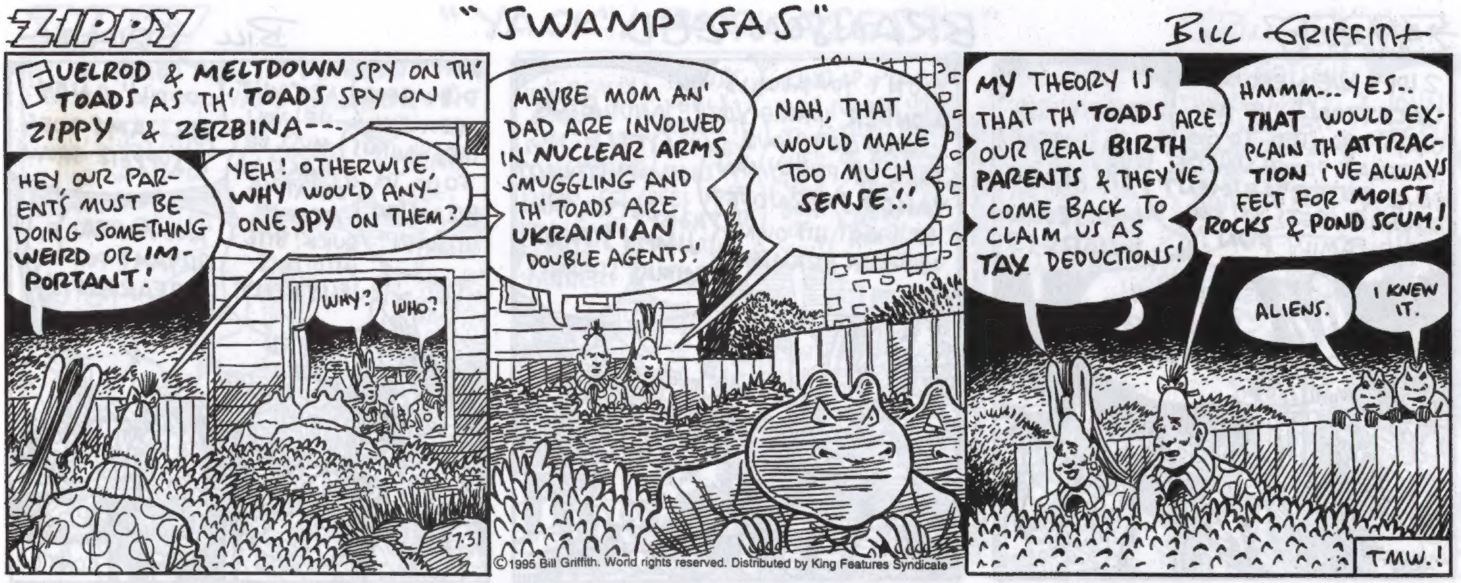
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"SWAMP GAS"
BILL GRIFFITH
FUELROD & MELTDOWN SPY ON TH' TOADS AS TH' TOADS SPY ON ZIPPY & ZERBINA---
HEY, OUR PARENTS MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WEIRD OR IMPORTANT!
YEH! OTHERWISE, WHY WOULD ANYONE SPY ON THEM?
WHY?
WHO?
7-31
MAYBE MOM AN' DAD ARE INVOLVED IN NUCLEAR ARMS SMUGGLING AND TH' TOADS ARE UKRAINIAN DOUBLE AGENTS!
NAH, THAT WOULD MAKE TOO MUCH SENSE!!
MY THEORY IS THAT TH' TOADS ARE OUR REAL BIRTH PARENTS & THEY'VE COME BACK TO CLAIM US AS TAX DEDUCTIONS!
HMMM...YES.. THAT WOULD EXPLAIN TH' ATTRACTION I'VE ALWAYS FELT FOR MOIST ROCKS & POND SCUM!
ALIENS.
I KNEW IT.
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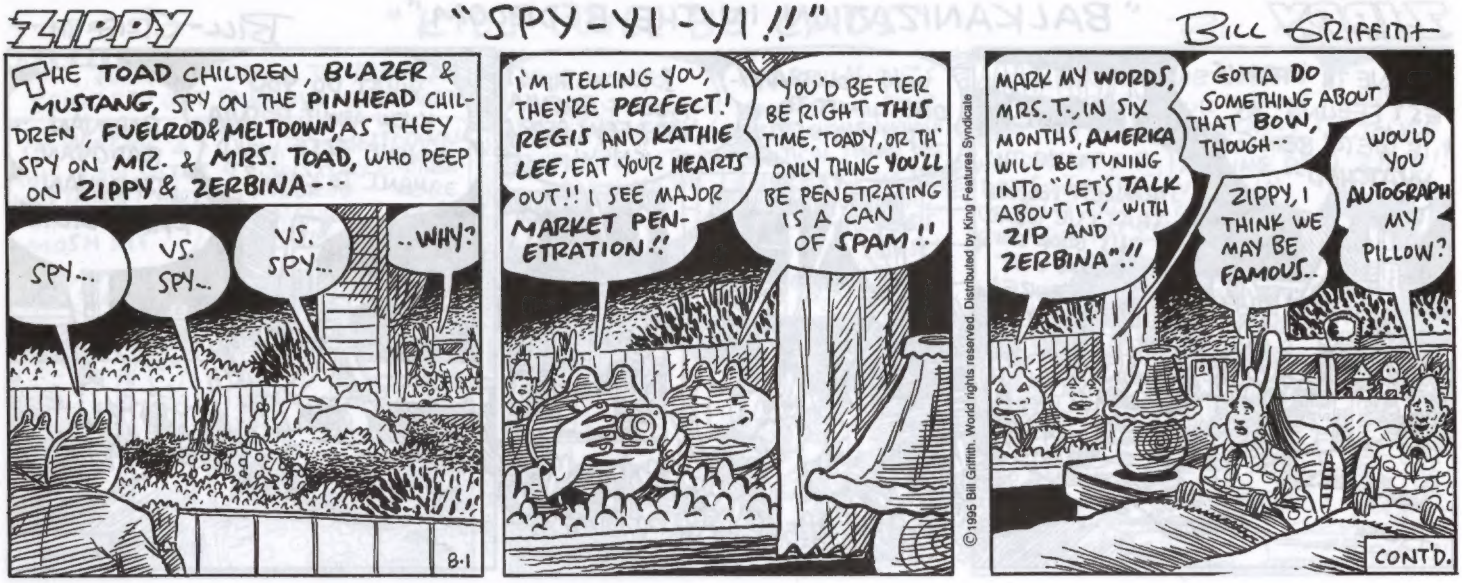
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"SPY-YI-YI!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE TOAD CHILDREN, BLAZER & MUSTANG, SPY ON THE PINHEAD CHILDREN, FUELROD & MELTDOWN, AS THEY SPY ON MR. & MRS. TOAD, WHO PEEP ON ZIPPY & ZERBINA---
SPY...
VS. SPY...
VS. SPY...
..WHY?
8-1
I'M TELLING YOU, THEY'RE PERFECT! REGIS AND KATHIE LEE, EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT!! I SEE MAJOR MARKET PENETRATION!!
YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT THIS TIME, TOADY, OR TH' ONLY THING YOU'LL BE PENETRATING IS A CAN OF SPAM!!
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MARK MY WORDS, MRS. T., IN SIX MONTHS, AMERICA WILL BE TUNING INTO "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!", WITH ZIP AND ZERBINA"!!
GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BOW, THOUGH--
ZIPPY, I THINK WE MAY BE FAMOUS..
WOULD YOU AUTOGRAPH MY PILLOW?
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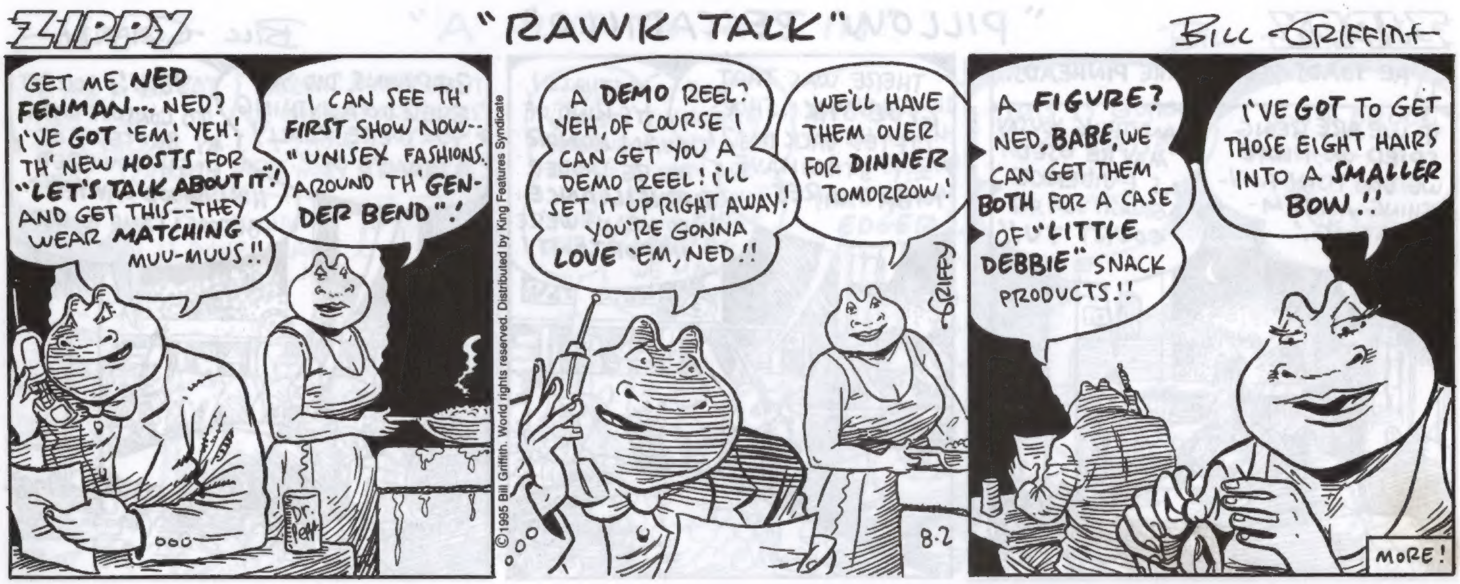
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"RAWK TALK"
BILL GRIFFITH
GET ME NED FENMAN... NED? I'VE GOT 'EM! YEH! TH' NEW HOSTS FOR "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!" AND GET THIS--THEY WEAR MATCHING MUU-MUUS!!
I CAN SEE TH' FIRST SHOW NOW-- "UNISEX FASHIONS AROUND TH' GENDER BEND"!
DR. PEPP
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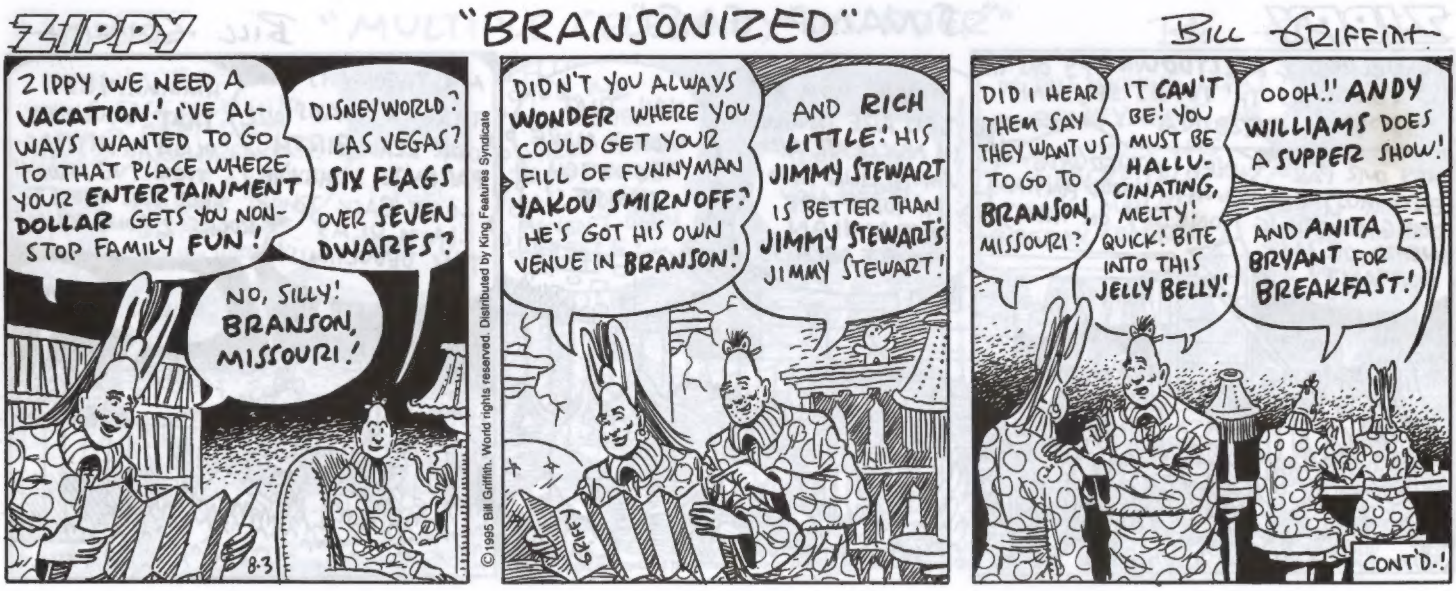
A DEMO REEL? YEH, OF COURSE I CAN GET YOU A DEMO REEL! I'LL SET IT UP RIGHT AWAY! YOU'RE GONNA LOVE 'EM, NED!!
WE'LL HAVE THEM OVER FOR DINNER TOMORROW!
GRIFFY
8-2
A FIGURE? NED, BABE, WE CAN GET THEM BOTH FOR A CASE OF "LITTLE DEBBIE" SNACK PRODUCTS!!
I'VE GOT TO GET THOSE EIGHT HAIRS INTO A SMALLER BOW!!
MORE!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"BRANSONIZED"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WE NEED A VACATION! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO THAT PLACE WHERE YOUR ENTERTAINMENT DOLLAR GETS YOU NON-STOP FAMILY FUN!
DISNEY WORLD? LAS VEGAS? SIX FLAGS OVER SEVEN DWARFS?
NO, SILLY! BRANSON, MISSOURI!
8-3
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DIDN'T YOU ALWAYS WONDER WHERE YOU COULD GET YOUR FILL OF FUNNYMAN YAKOV SMIRNOFF? HE'S GOT HIS OWN VENUE IN BRANSON!
AND RICH LITTLE! HIS JIMMY STEWART IS BETTER THAN JIMMY STEWART'S JIMMY STEWART!
GRIFFY
DID I HEAR THEM SAY THEY WANT US TO GO TO BRANSON, MISSOURI?
IT CAN'T BE! YOU MUST BE HALLUCINATING, MELTY! QUICK! BITE INTO THIS JELLY BELLY!
OOOH!! ANDY WILLIAMS DOES A SUPPER SHOW!
AND ANITA BRYANT FOR BREAKFAST!
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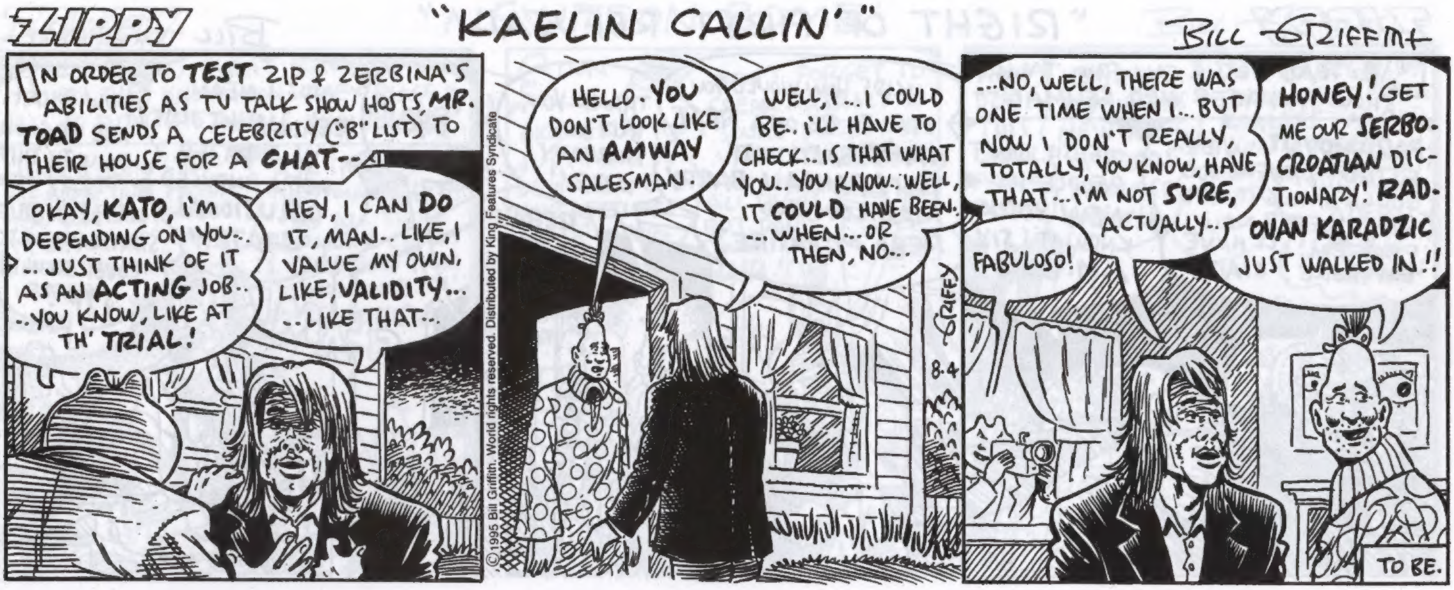
ZIPPY
"KAELIN CALLIN'"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN ORDER TO TEST ZIP & ZERBINA'S ABILITIES AS TV TALK SHOW HOSTS, MR. TOAD SENDS A CELEBRITY ("B" LIST) TO THEIR HOUSE FOR A CHAT--
OKAY, KATO, I'M DEPENDING ON YOU.. ..JUST THINK OF IT AS AN ACTING JOB.. ..YOU KNOW, LIKE AT TH' TRIAL!
HEY, I CAN DO IT, MAN.. LIKE, I VALUE MY OWN, LIKE, VALIDITY... ..LIKE THAT..
HELLO. YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE AN AMWAY SALESMAN.
WELL, I... I COULD BE.. I'LL HAVE TO CHECK.. IS THAT WHAT YOU.. YOU KNOW.. WELL, IT COULD HAVE BEEN.. ...WHEN... OR THEN, NO...
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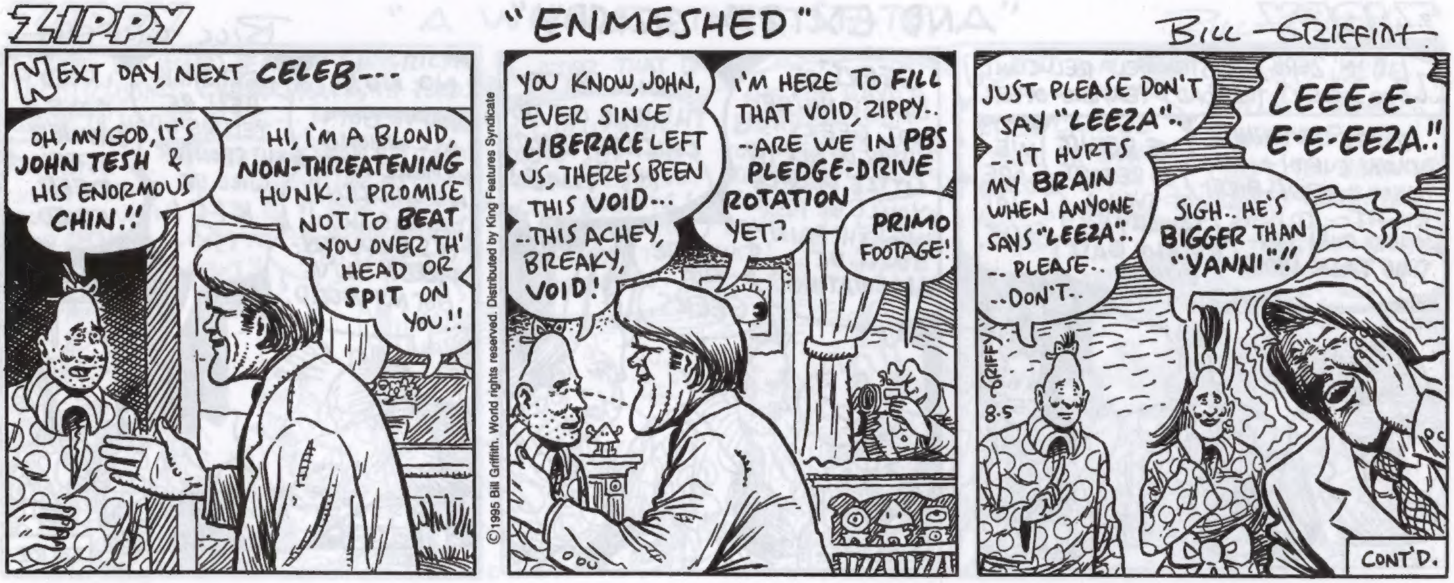
GRIFFY
8-4
...NO, WELL, THERE WAS ONE TIME WHEN I... BUT NOW I DON'T REALLY, TOTALLY, YOU KNOW, HAVE THAT... I'M NOT SURE, ACTUALLY..
FABULOSO!
HONEY! GET ME OUR SERBO-CROATIAN DICTIONARY! RADOVAN KARADZIC JUST WALKED IN!!
TO BE.


ZIPPY
"ENMESHED"
BILL GRIFFITH
NEXT DAY, NEXT CELEB---
OH, MY GOD, IT'S JOHN TESH & HIS ENORMOUS CHIN!!
HI, I'M A BLOND, NON-THREATENING HUNK. I PROMISE NOT TO BEAT YOU OVER TH' HEAD OR SPIT ON YOU!!
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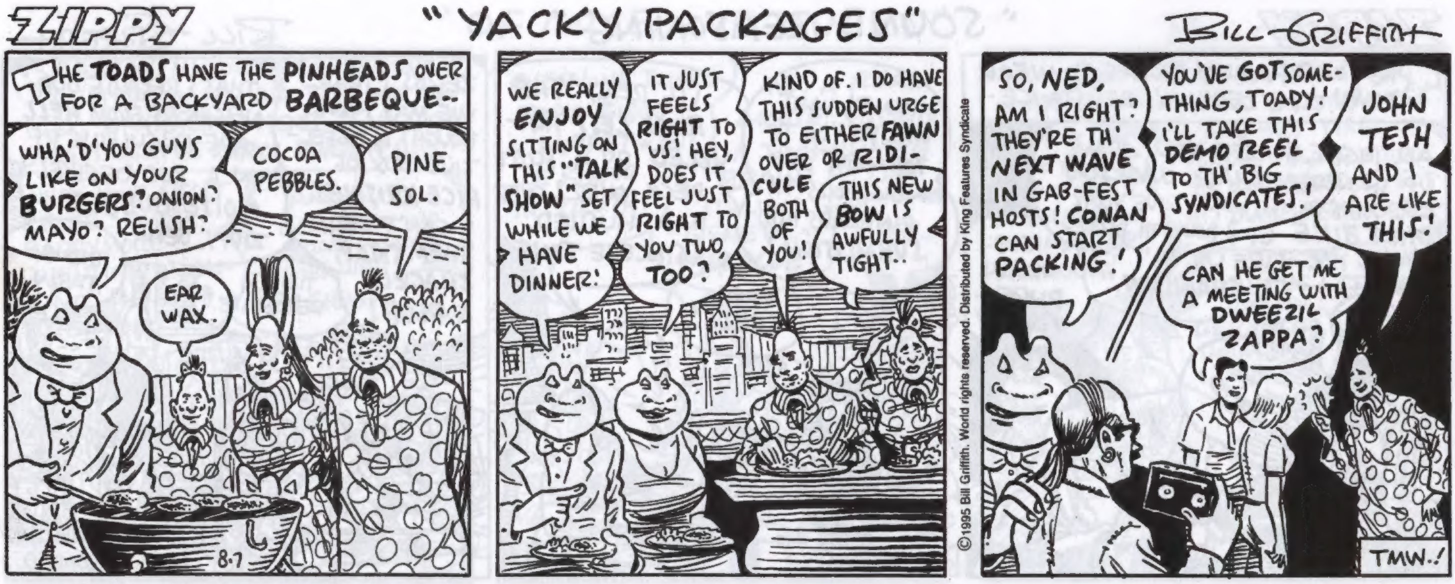
YOU KNOW, JOHN, EVER SINCE LIBERACE LEFT US, THERE'S BEEN THIS VOID... ..THIS ACHEY, BREAKY, VOID!
I'M HERE TO FILL THAT VOID, ZIPPY.. ..ARE WE IN PBS PLEDGE-DRIVE ROTATION YET?
PRIMO FOOTAGE!
JUST PLEASE DON'T SAY "LEEZA".. ..IT HURTS MY BRAIN WHEN ANYONE SAYS "LEEZA".. ..PLEASE.. ..DON'T..
LEEE-E-E-E-EEZA!!
SIGH.. HE'S BIGGER THAN "YANNI"!!
GRIFFY
8-5
CONT'D.


ZIPPY
"YACKY PACKAGES"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE TOADS HAVE THE PINHEADS OVER FOR A BACKYARD BARBEQUE--
WHA'D'YOU GUYS LIKE ON YOUR BURGERS? ONION? MAYO? RELISH?
COCOA PEBBLES.
PINE SOL.
EAR WAX.
8-7
WE REALLY ENJOY SITTING ON THIS "TALK SHOW" SET WHILE WE HAVE DINNER!
IT JUST FEELS RIGHT TO US! HEY, DOES IT FEEL JUST RIGHT TO YOU TWO, TOO?
KIND OF. I DO HAVE THIS SUDDEN URGE TO EITHER FAWN OVER OR RIDICULE BOTH OF YOU!
THIS NEW BOW IS AWFULLY TIGHT..
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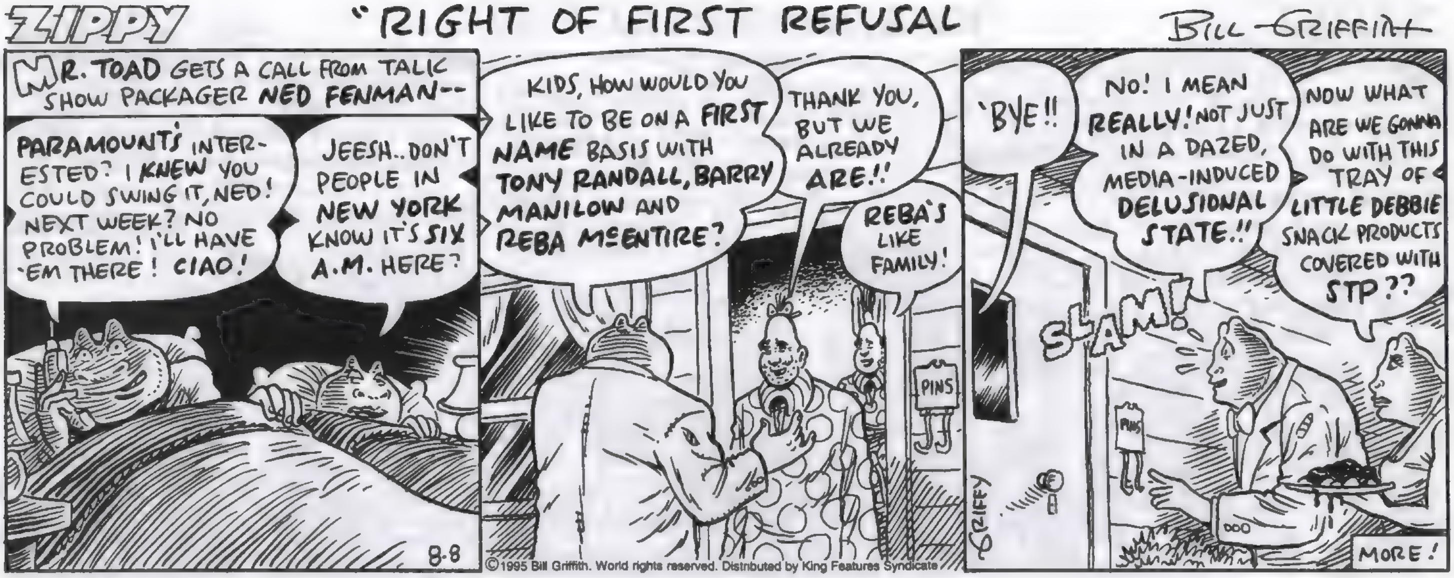
SO, NED, AM I RIGHT? THEY'RE TH' NEXT WAVE IN GAB-FEST HOSTS! CONAN CAN START PACKING!
YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING, TOADY! I'LL TAKE THIS DEMO REEL TO TH' BIG SYNDICATES!
JOHN TESH AND I ARE LIKE THIS!
CAN HE GET ME A MEETING WITH DWEEZIL ZAPPA?
TMW.!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"RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD GETS A CALL FROM TALK SHOW PACKAGER NED FENMAN--
PARAMOUNT'S INTERESTED? I KNEW YOU COULD SWING IT, NED! NEXT WEEK? NO PROBLEM! I'LL HAVE 'EM THERE! CIAO!
JEESH.. DON'T PEOPLE IN NEW YORK KNOW IT'S SIX A.M. HERE?
8-8
KIDS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH TONY RANDALL, BARRY MANILOW AND REBA McENTIRE?
THANK YOU, BUT WE ALREADY ARE!!
REBA'S LIKE FAMILY!
PINS
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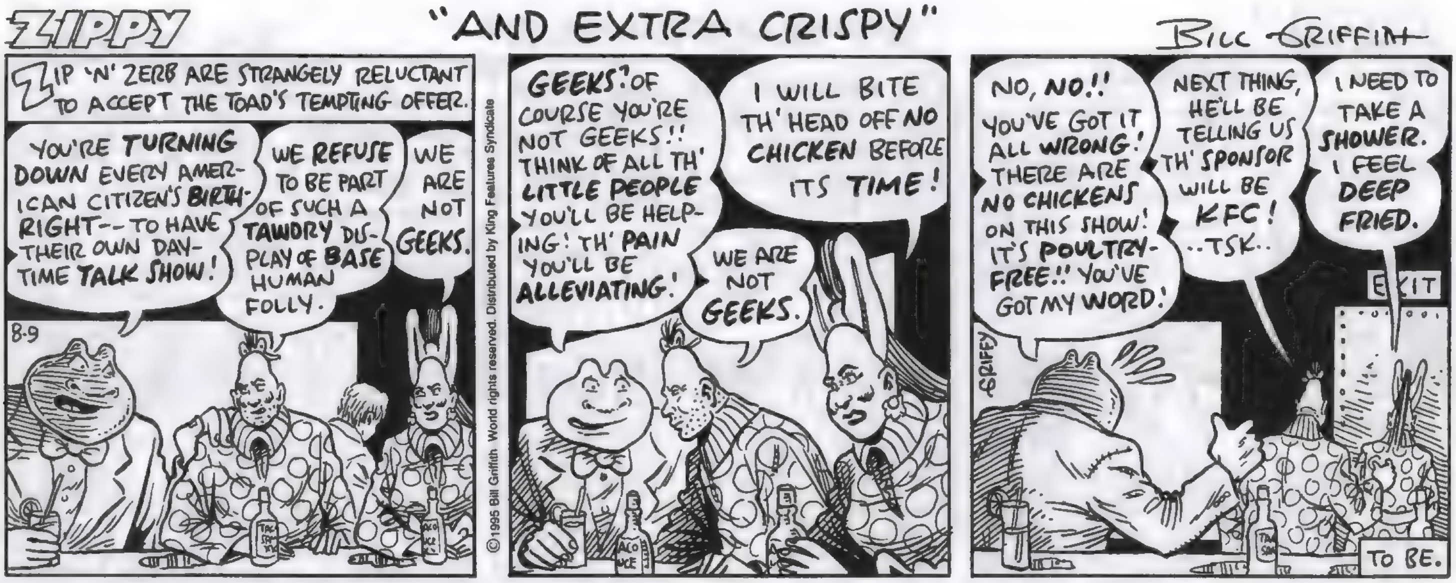
'BYE!!
NO! I MEAN REALLY! NOT JUST IN A DAZED, MEDIA-INDUCED DELUSIONAL STATE!!
NOW WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH THIS TRAY OF LITTLE DEBBIE SNACK PRODUCTS COVERED WITH STP??
SLAM!
PINS
GRIFFY
MORE!


ZIPPY
"AND EXTRA CRISPY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIP 'N' ZERB ARE STRANGELY RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE TOAD'S TEMPTING OFFER.
YOU'RE TURNING DOWN EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN'S BIRTHRIGHT-- TO HAVE THEIR OWN DAYTIME TALK SHOW!
WE REFUSE TO BE PART OF SUCH A TAWDRY DISPLAY OF BASE HUMAN FOLLY.
WE ARE NOT GEEKS.
8-9
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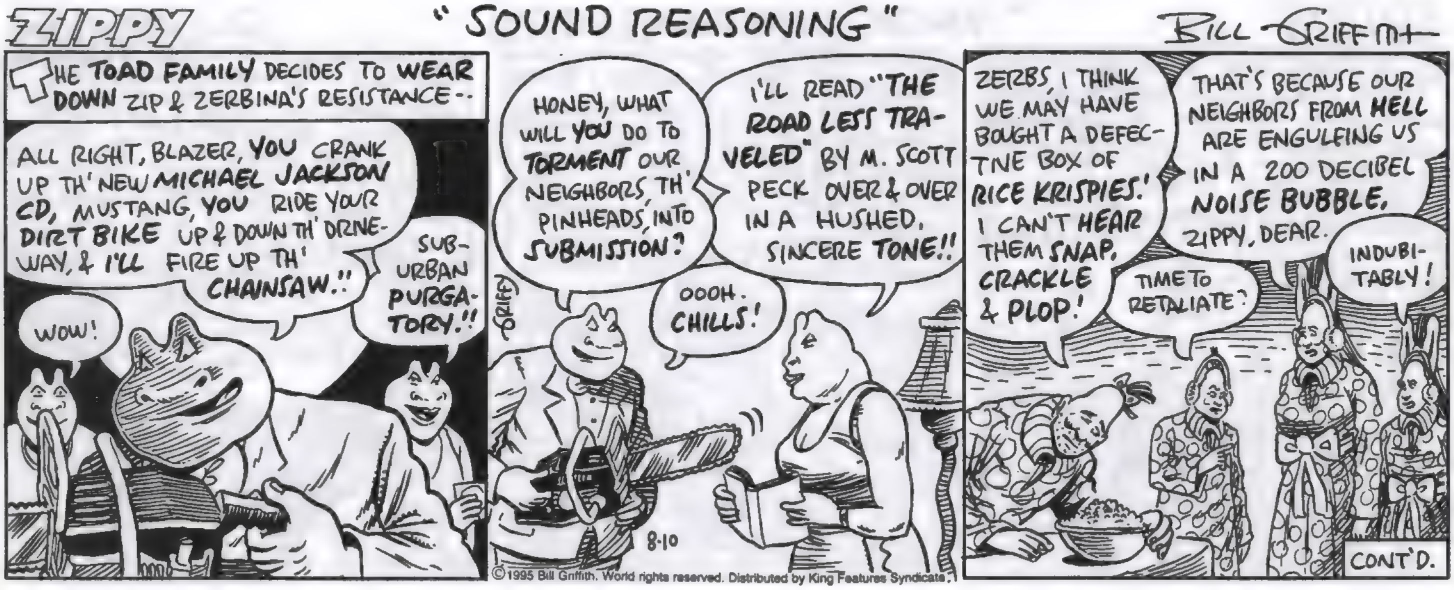
GEEKS? OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT GEEKS!! THINK OF ALL TH' LITTLE PEOPLE YOU'LL BE HELPING! TH' PAIN YOU'LL BE ALLEVIATING!
I WILL BITE TH' HEAD OFF NO CHICKEN BEFORE ITS TIME!
WE ARE NOT GEEKS.
NO, NO!! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! THERE ARE NO CHICKENS ON THIS SHOW! IT'S POULTRY-FREE!! YOU'VE GOT MY WORD!
NEXT THING, HE'LL BE TELLING US TH' SPONSOR WILL BE KFC! ..TSK..
I NEED TO TAKE A SHOWER. I FEEL DEEP FRIED.
EXIT
GRIFFY
TO BE.


ZIPPY
"SOUND REASONING"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE TOAD FAMILY DECIDES TO WEAR DOWN ZIP & ZERBINA'S RESISTANCE--
ALL RIGHT, BLAZER, YOU CRANK UP TH' NEW MICHAEL JACKSON CD, MUSTANG, YOU RIDE YOUR DIRT BIKE UP & DOWN TH' DRIVEWAY, & I'LL FIRE UP TH' CHAINSAW.!!
SUBURBAN PURGATORY.!!
WOW!
HONEY, WHAT WILL YOU DO TO TORMENT OUR NEIGHBORS, TH' PINHEADS, INTO SUBMISSION?
I'LL READ "THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED" BY M. SCOTT PECK OVER & OVER IN A HUSHED, SINCERE TONE!!
OOOH. CHILLS!
GRIFFY
8-10
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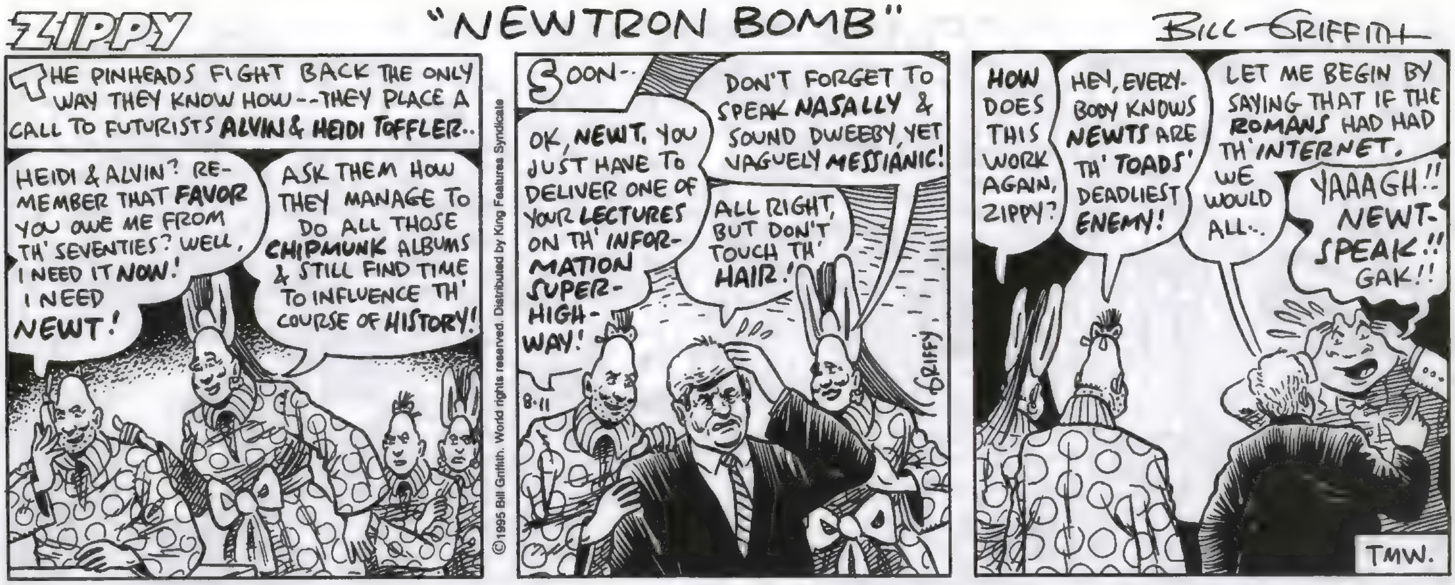
ZERBS, I THINK WE MAY HAVE BOUGHT A DEFECTIVE BOX OF RICE KRISPIES! I CAN'T HEAR THEM SNAP, CRACKLE & PLOP!
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR NEIGHBORS FROM HELL ARE ENGULFING US IN A 200 DECIBEL NOISE BUBBLE, ZIPPY, DEAR.
TIME TO RETALIATE?
INDUBITABLY!
CONT'D.


ZIPPY
"NEWTRON BOMB"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE PINHEADS FIGHT BACK THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW--THEY PLACE A CALL TO FUTURISTS ALVIN & HEIDI TOFFLER..
HEIDI & ALVIN? REMEMBER THAT FAVOR YOU OWE ME FROM TH' SEVENTIES? WELL, I NEED IT NOW! I NEED NEWT!
ASK THEM HOW THEY MANAGE TO DO ALL THOSE CHIPMUNK ALBUMS & STILL FIND TIME TO INFLUENCE TH' COURSE OF HISTORY!
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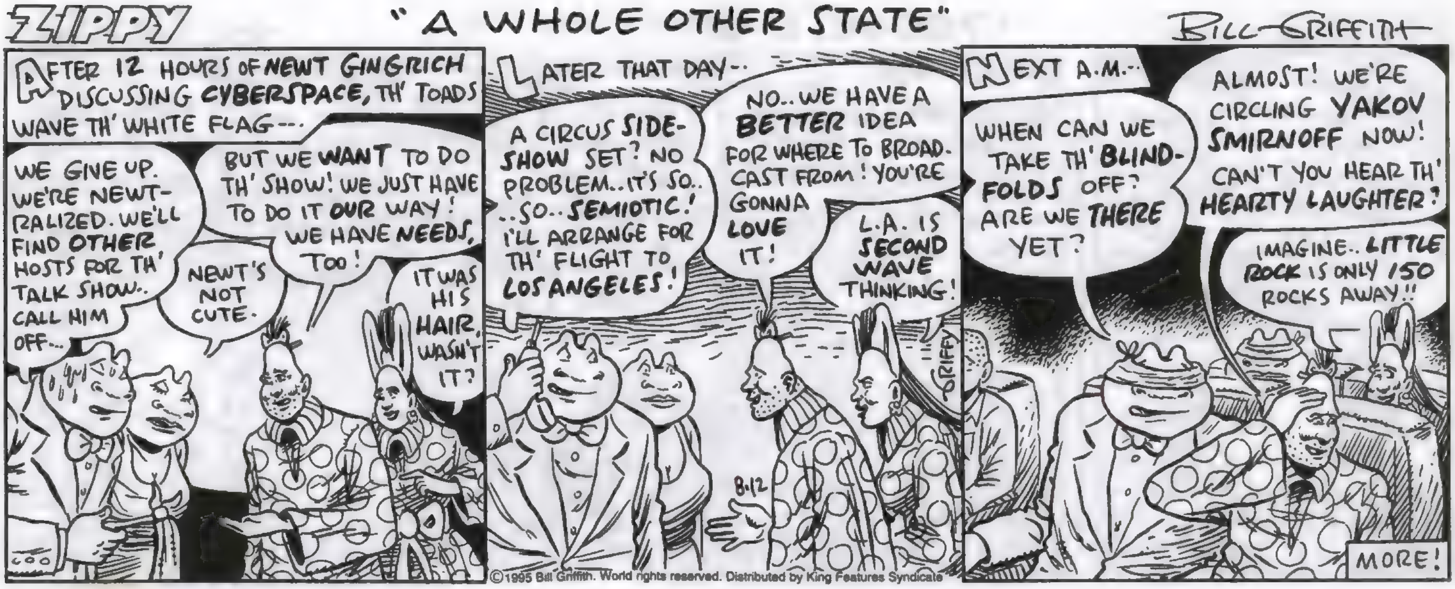
SOON..
OK, NEWT. YOU JUST HAVE TO DELIVER ONE OF YOUR LECTURES ON TH' INFORMATION SUPER-HIGHWAY!
DON'T FORGET TO SPEAK NASALLY & SOUND DWEEBY, YET VAGUELY MESSIANIC!
ALL RIGHT, BUT DON'T TOUCH TH' HAIR!
8·11
GRIFFY
HOW DOES THIS WORK AGAIN, ZIPPY?
HEY, EVERYBODY KNOWS NEWTS ARE TH' TOADS' DEADLIEST ENEMY!
LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT IF THE ROMANS HAD HAD TH' INTERNET, WE WOULD ALL..
YAAAGH!! NEWT-SPEAK!! GAK!!
TMW.


ZIPPY
"A WHOLE OTHER STATE"
BILL GRIFFITH
AFTER 12 HOURS OF NEWT GINGRICH DISCUSSING CYBERSPACE, TH' TOADS WAVE TH' WHITE FLAG--.
WE GIVE UP. WE'RE NEWT-RALIZED. WE'LL FIND OTHER HOSTS FOR TH' TALK SHOW.. CALL HIM OFF...
BUT WE WANT TO DO TH' SHOW! WE JUST HAVE TO DO IT OUR WAY! WE HAVE NEEDS, TOO!
NEWT'S NOT CUTE.
IT WAS HIS HAIR, WASN'T IT?
LATER THAT DAY--.
A CIRCUS SIDE-SHOW SET? NO PROBLEM..IT'S SO.. ..SO..SEMIOTIC! I'LL ARRANGE FOR TH' FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES!
NO..WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA FOR WHERE TO BROADCAST FROM! YOU'RE GONNA LOVE IT!
L.A. IS SECOND WAVE THINKING!
GRIFFY
8·12
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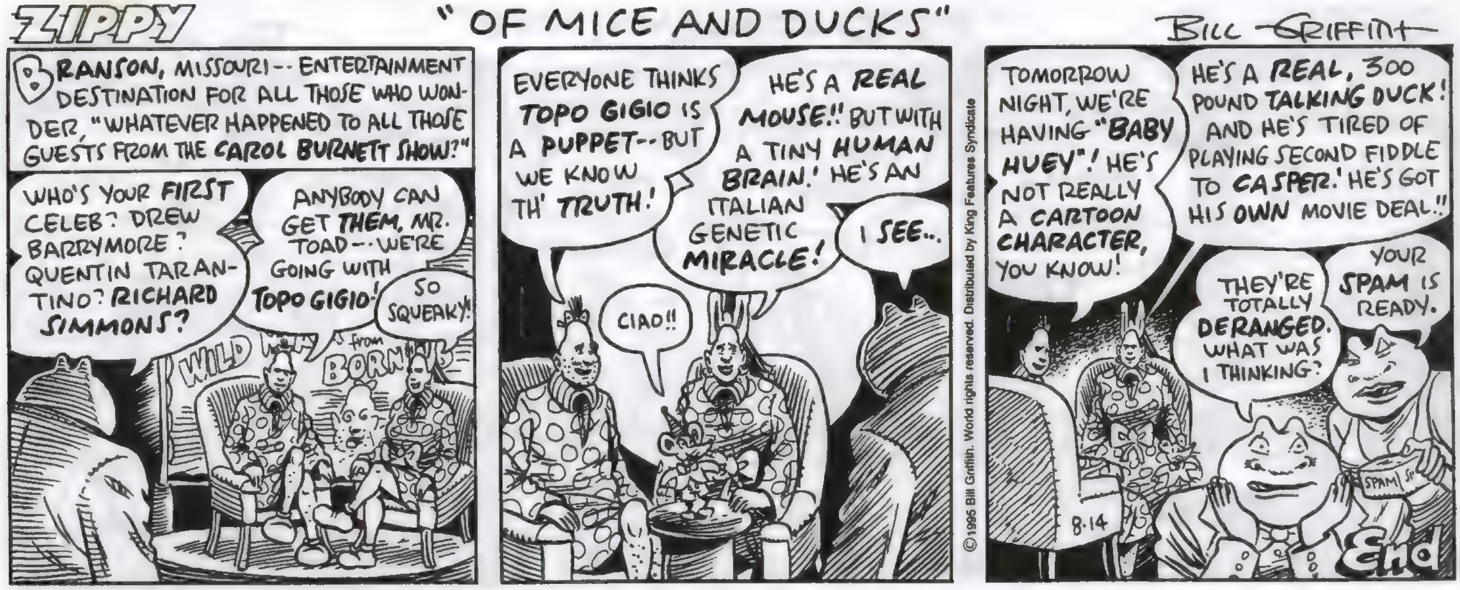
NEXT A.M...
WHEN CAN WE TAKE TH' BLINDFOLDS OFF? ARE WE THERE YET?
ALMOST! WE'RE CIRCLING YAKOV SMIRNOFF NOW! CAN'T YOU HEAR TH' HEARTY LAUGHTER?
IMAGINE.. LITTLE ROCK IS ONLY 150 ROCKS AWAY!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"OF MICE AND DUCKS"
BILL GRIFFITH
BRANSON, MISSOURI-- ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO WONDER, "WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE GUESTS FROM THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW?"
WHO'S YOUR FIRST CELEB? DREW BARRYMORE? QUENTIN TARANTINO? RICHARD SIMMONS?
ANYBODY CAN GET THEM, MR. TOAD-- WE'RE GOING WITH TOPO GIGIO!
SO SQUEAKY!
WILD
from
BORN
EVERYONE THINKS TOPO GIGIO IS A PUPPET-- BUT WE KNOW TH' TRUTH!
HE'S A REAL MOUSE!! BUT WITH A TINY HUMAN BRAIN! HE'S AN ITALIAN GENETIC MIRACLE!
I SEE...
CIAO!!
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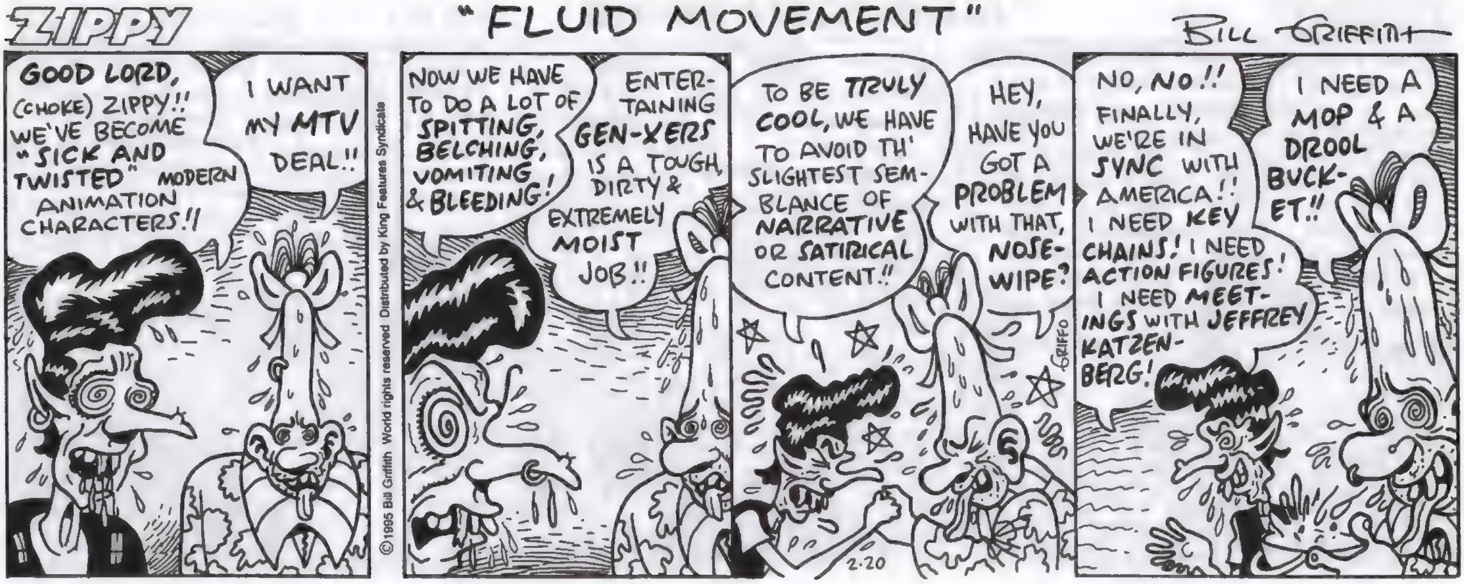
TOMORROW NIGHT, WE'RE HAVING "BABY HUEY"! HE'S NOT REALLY A CARTOON CHARACTER, YOU KNOW!
HE'S A REAL, 300 POUND TALKING DUCK! AND HE'S TIRED OF PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE TO CASPER! HE'S GOT HIS OWN MOVIE DEAL!!
THEY'RE TOTALLY DERANGED. WHAT WAS I THINKING?
YOUR SPAM IS READY.
SPAM
8·14
End


ZIPPY
"FLUID MOVEMENT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GOOD LORD, (CHOKE) ZIPPY!! WE'VE BECOME "SICK AND TWISTED" MODERN ANIMATION CHARACTERS!!
I WANT MY MTV DEAL!!
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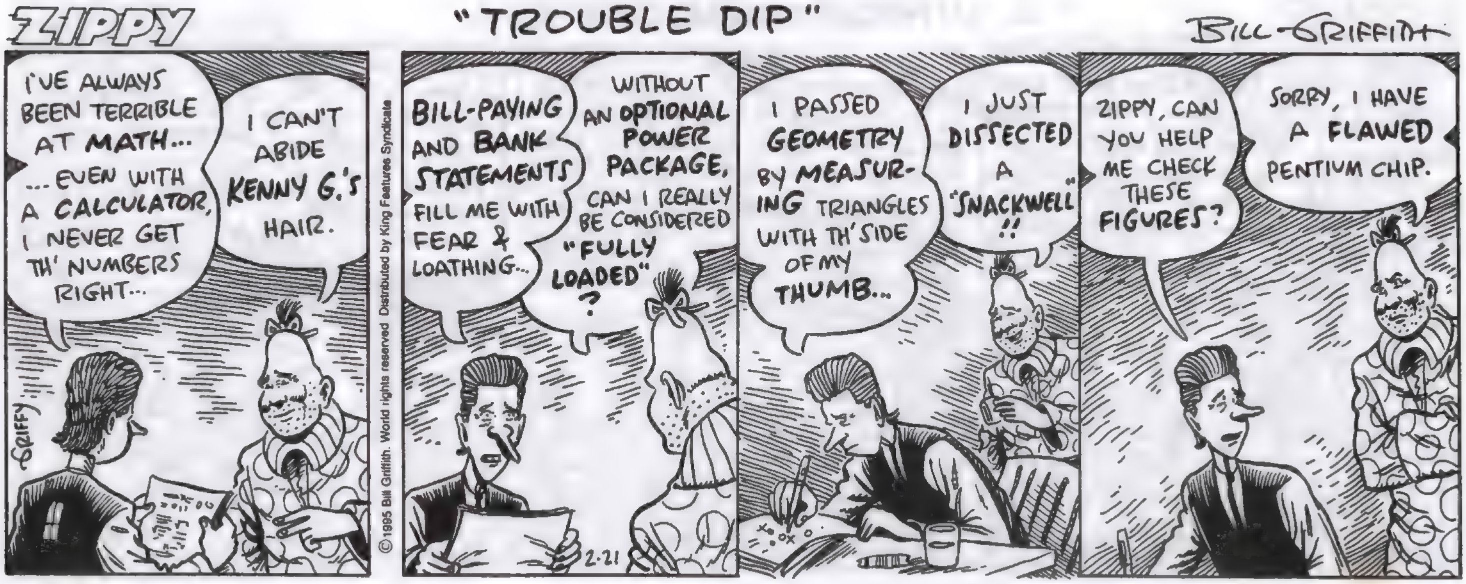
NOW WE HAVE TO DO A LOT OF SPITTING, BELCHING, VOMITING & BLEEDING!
ENTERTAINING GEN-XERS IS A TOUGH, DIRTY & EXTREMELY MOIST JOB!!
TO BE TRULY COOL, WE HAVE TO AVOID TH' SLIGHTEST SEMBLANCE OF NARRATIVE OR SATIRICAL CONTENT!!
HEY, HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT, NOSE-WIPE?
GRIFFO
2-20
NO, NO!! FINALLY, WE'RE IN SYNC WITH AMERICA!! I NEED KEY CHAINS! I NEED ACTION FIGURES! I NEED MEETINGS WITH JEFFREY KATZENBERG!
I NEED A MOP & A DROOL BUCKET!!


ZIPPY
"TROUBLE DIP"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TERRIBLE AT MATH... ...EVEN WITH A CALCULATOR, I NEVER GET TH' NUMBERS RIGHT...
I CAN'T ABIDE KENNY G.'S HAIR.
GRIFFY
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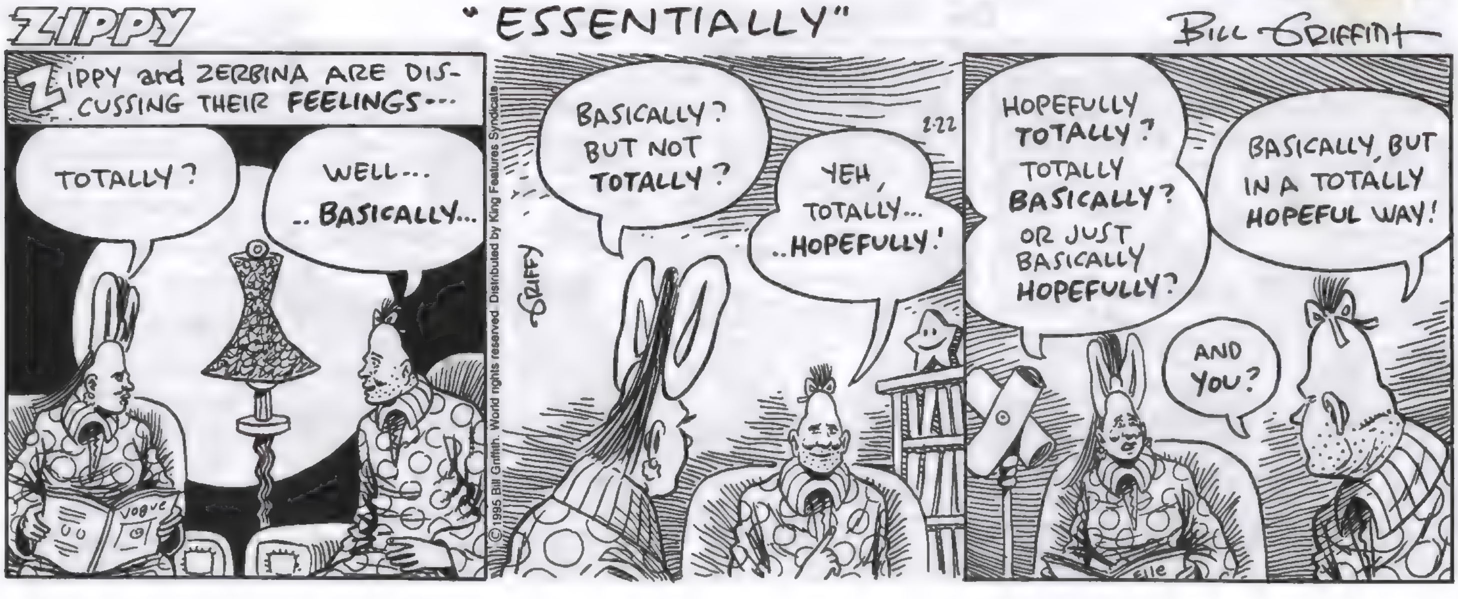
BILL-PAYING AND BANK STATEMENTS FILL ME WITH FEAR & LOATHING...
WITHOUT AN OPTIONAL POWER PACKAGE, CAN I REALLY BE CONSIDERED "FULLY LOADED"?
2-21
I PASSED GEOMETRY BY MEASURING TRIANGLES WITH TH' SIDE OF MY THUMB...
I JUST DISSECTED A "SNACKWELL"!!
ZIPPY, CAN YOU HELP ME CHECK THESE FIGURES?
SORRY, I HAVE A FLAWED PENTIUM CHIP.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"ESSENTIALLY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY and ZERBINA ARE DISCUSSING THEIR FEELINGS---
TOTALLY?
WELL... ..BASICALLY...
VOGUE
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GRIFFY
BASICALLY? BUT NOT TOTALLY?
2-22
YEH, TOTALLY... ..HOPEFULLY!
HOPEFULLY TOTALLY? TOTALLY BASICALLY? OR JUST BASICALLY HOPEFULLY?
BASICALLY, BUT IN A TOTALLY HOPEFUL WAY!
AND YOU?
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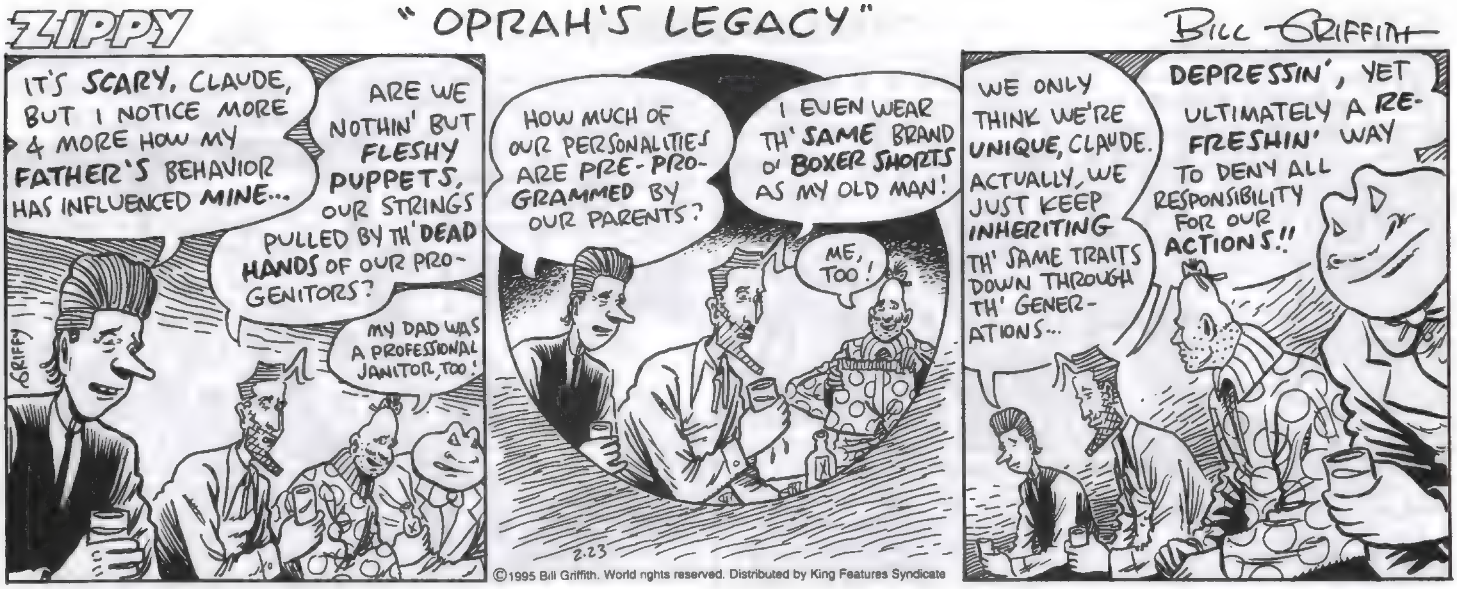
ZIPPY
"OPRAH'S LEGACY"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S SCARY, CLAUDE, BUT I NOTICE MORE & MORE HOW MY FATHER'S BEHAVIOR HAS INFLUENCED MINE...
ARE WE NOTHIN' BUT FLESHY PUPPETS, OUR STRINGS PULLED BY TH' DEAD HANDS OF OUR PROGENITORS?
MY DAD WAS A PROFESSIONAL JANITOR, TOO!
GRIFFY
HOW MUCH OF OUR PERSONALITIES ARE PRE-PROGRAMMED BY OUR PARENTS?
I EVEN WEAR TH' SAME BRAND O' BOXER SHORTS AS MY OLD MAN!
ME, TOO!
2-23
WE ONLY THINK WE'RE UNIQUE, CLAUDE. ACTUALLY, WE JUST KEEP INHERITING TH' SAME TRAITS DOWN THROUGH TH' GENERATIONS...
DEPRESSIN', YET ULTIMATELY A REFRESHIN' WAY TO DENY ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS!!

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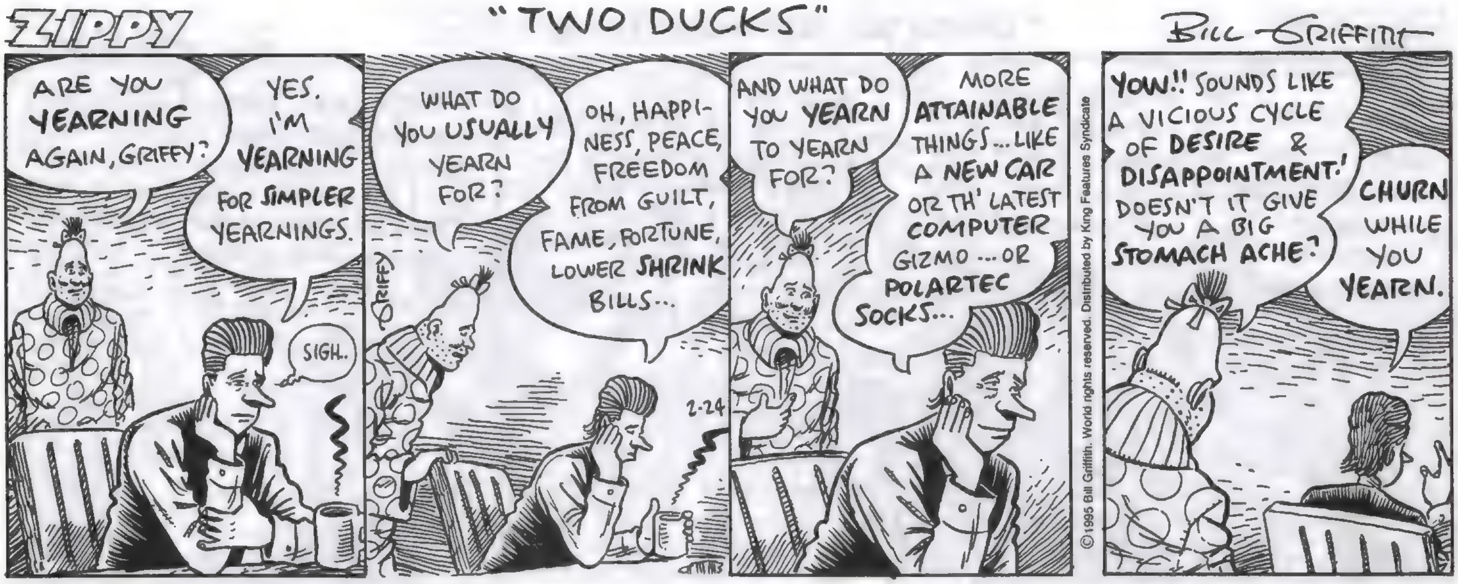
ZIPPY
"TWO DUCKS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ARE YOU YEARNING AGAIN, GRIFFY?
YES. I'M YEARNING FOR SIMPLER YEARNINGS.
SIGH..
WHAT DO YOU USUALLY YEARN FOR?
OH, HAPPINESS, PEACE, FREEDOM FROM GUILT, FAME, FORTUNE, LOWER SHRINK BILLS...
GRIFFY
2-24
AND WHAT DO YOU YEARN TO YEARN FOR?
MORE ATTAINABLE THINGS... LIKE A NEW CAR OR TH' LATEST COMPUTER GIZMO ... OR POLARTEC SOCKS...
YOW!! SOUNDS LIKE A VICIOUS CYCLE OF DESIRE & DISAPPOINTMENT! DOESN'T IT GIVE YOU A BIG STOMACH ACHE?
CHURN WHILE YOU YEARN.

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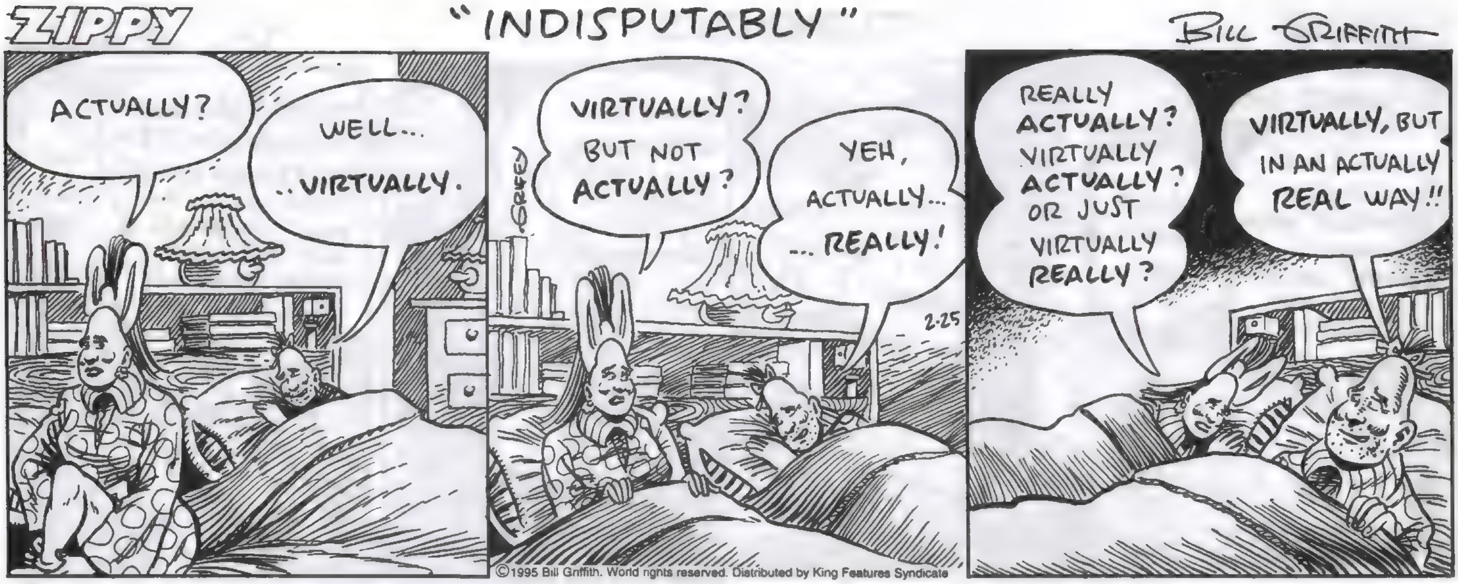
ZIPPY
"INDISPUTABLY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ACTUALLY?
WELL... ..VIRTUALLY.
VIRTUALLY? BUT NOT ACTUALLY?
GRIFFY
YEH, ACTUALLY... ...REALLY!
2-25
REALLY ACTUALLY? VIRTUALLY ACTUALLY? OR JUST VIRTUALLY REALLY?
VIRTUALLY, BUT IN AN ACTUALLY REAL WAY!!

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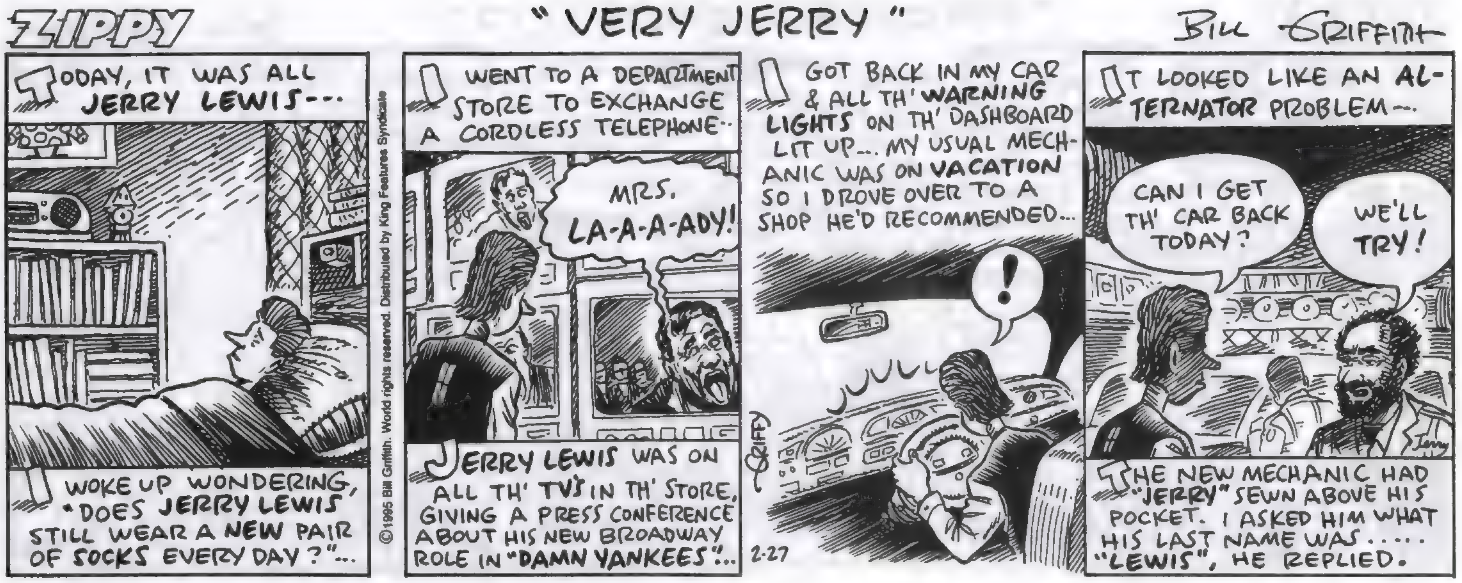
ZIPPY
"VERY JERRY"
BILL GRIFFITH
TODAY, IT WAS ALL JERRY LEWIS---
I WOKE UP WONDERING, "DOES JERRY LEWIS STILL WEAR A NEW PAIR OF SOCKS EVERY DAY?"...
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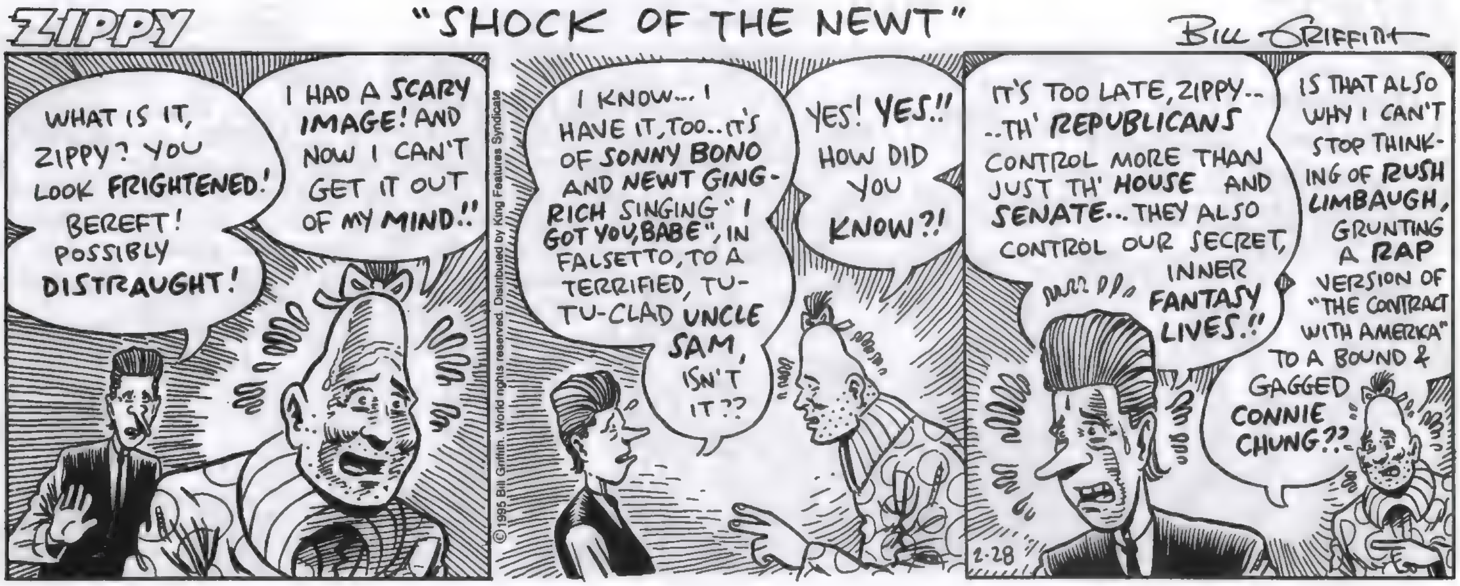
I WENT TO A DEPARTMENT STORE TO EXCHANGE A CORDLESS TELEPHONE--
MRS. LA-A-A-ADY!
JERRY LEWIS WAS ON ALL TH' TV'S IN TH' STORE, GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT HIS NEW BROADWAY ROLE IN "DAMN YANKEES"...
2-27
GRIFFY
I GOT BACK IN MY CAR & ALL TH' WARNING LIGHTS ON TH' DASHBOARD LIT UP... MY USUAL MECHANIC WAS ON VACATION SO I DROVE OVER TO A SHOP HE'D RECOMMENDED...
!
IT LOOKED LIKE AN ALTERNATOR PROBLEM--.
CAN I GET TH' CAR BACK TODAY?
WE'LL TRY!
Jerry
THE NEW MECHANIC HAD "JERRY" SEWN ABOVE HIS POCKET. I ASKED HIM WHAT HIS LAST NAME WAS..... "LEWIS", HE REPLIED.


ZIPPY
"SHOCK OF THE NEWT"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS IT, ZIPPY? YOU LOOK FRIGHTENED! BEREFT! POSSIBLY DISTRAUGHT!
I HAD A SCARY IMAGE! AND NOW I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND!!
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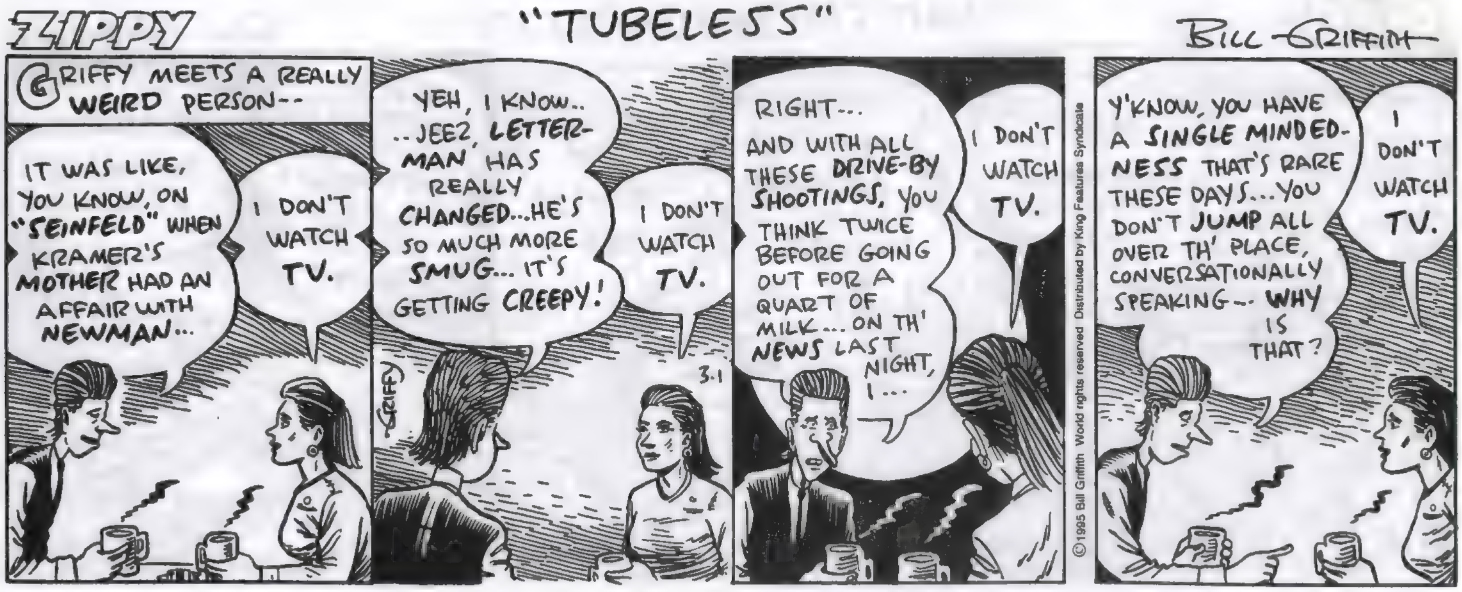
I KNOW... I HAVE IT, TOO.. IT'S OF SONNY BONO AND NEWT GINGRICH SINGING "I GOT YOU, BABE", IN FALSETTO, TO A TERRIFIED, TUTU-CLAD UNCLE SAM, ISN'T IT??
YES! YES!! HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
2-28
IT'S TOO LATE, ZIPPY-- --TH' REPUBLICANS CONTROL MORE THAN JUST TH' HOUSE AND SENATE... THEY ALSO CONTROL OUR SECRET, INNER FANTASY LIVES!!
IS THAT ALSO WHY I CAN'T STOP THINKING OF RUSH LIMBAUGH, GRUNTING A RAP VERSION OF "THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA" TO A BOUND & GAGGED CONNIE CHUNG??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"TUBELESS"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY MEETS A REALLY WEIRD PERSON--
IT WAS LIKE, YOU KNOW, ON "SEINFELD" WHEN KRAMER'S MOTHER HAD AN AFFAIR WITH NEWMAN...
I DON'T WATCH TV.
YEH, I KNOW.. ..JEEZ, LETTERMAN HAS REALLY CHANGED... HE'S SO MUCH MORE SMUG... IT'S GETTING CREEPY!
I DON'T WATCH TV.
GRIFFY
3-1
RIGHT--. AND WITH ALL THESE DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, YOU THINK TWICE BEFORE GOING OUT FOR A QUART OF MILK... ON TH' NEWS LAST NIGHT, I...
I DON'T WATCH TV.
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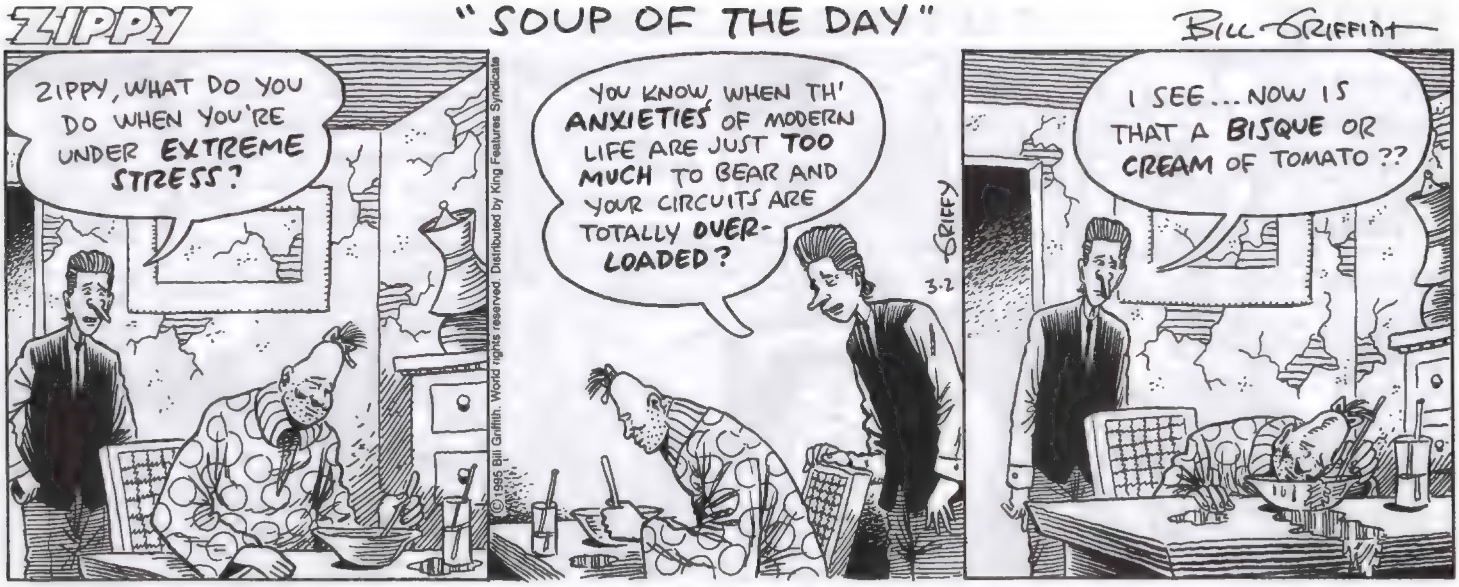
Y'KNOW, YOU HAVE A SINGLE MINDEDNESS THAT'S RARE THESE DAYS... YOU DON'T JUMP ALL OVER TH' PLACE, CONVERSATIONALLY SPEAKING-- WHY IS THAT?
I DON'T WATCH TV.


ZIPPY
"SOUP OF THE DAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE UNDER EXTREME STRESS?
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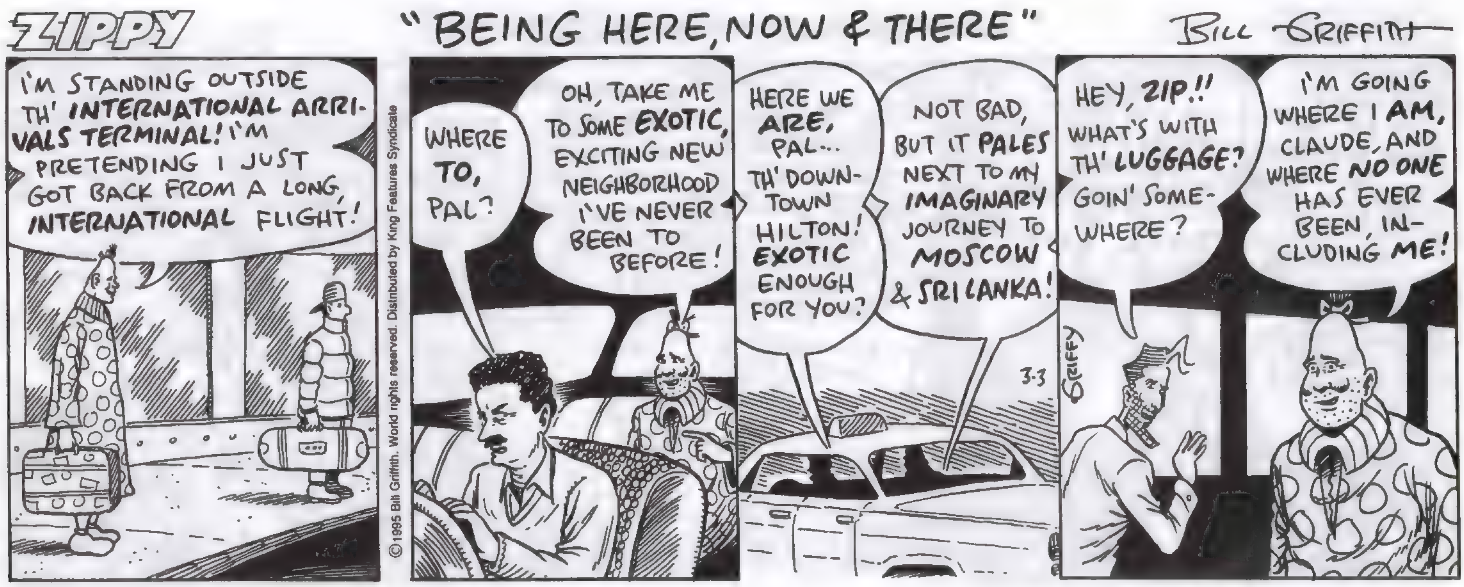
YOU KNOW, WHEN TH' ANXIETIES OF MODERN LIFE ARE JUST TOO MUCH TO BEAR AND YOUR CIRCUITS ARE TOTALLY OVER-LOADED?
GRIFFY
3-2
I SEE... NOW IS THAT A BISQUE OR CREAM OF TOMATO ??


ZIPPY
"BEING HERE, NOW & THERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M STANDING OUTSIDE TH' INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TERMINAL! I'M PRETENDING I JUST GOT BACK FROM A LONG, INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT!
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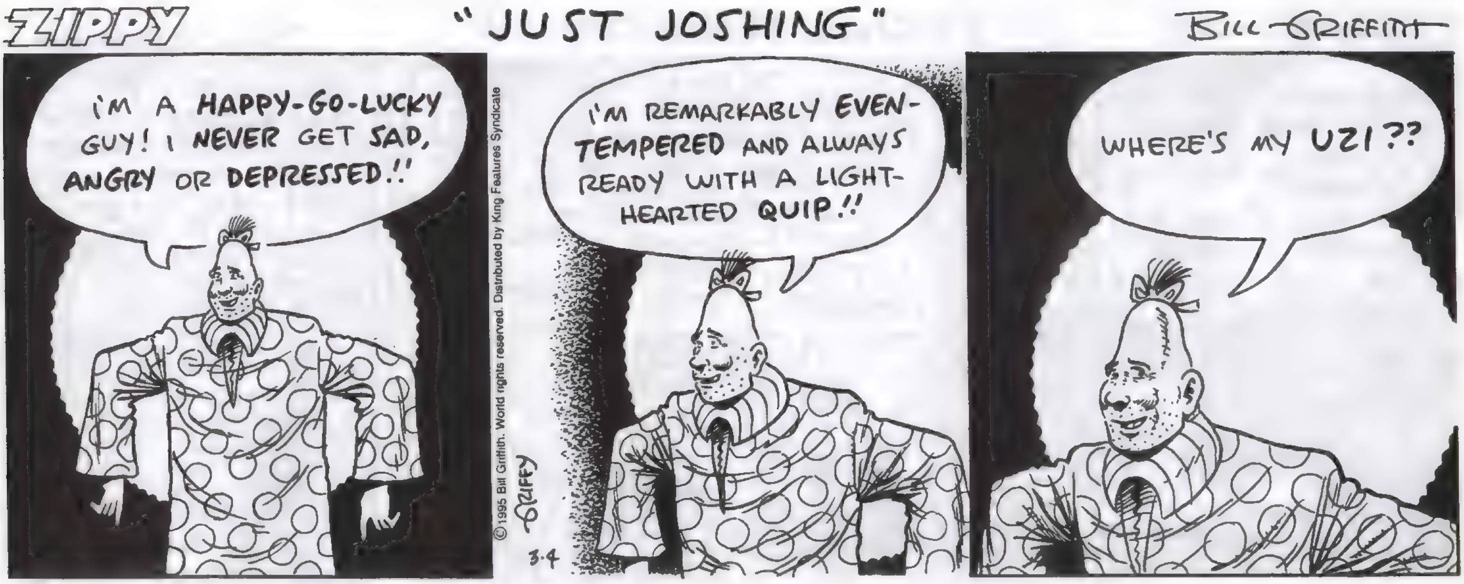
WHERE TO, PAL?
OH, TAKE ME TO SOME EXOTIC, EXCITING NEW NEIGHBORHOOD I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE!
HERE WE ARE, PAL... TH' DOWNTOWN HILTON! EXOTIC ENOUGH FOR YOU?
NOT BAD, BUT IT PALES NEXT TO MY IMAGINARY JOURNEY TO MOSCOW & SRI LANKA!
3-3
GRIFFY
HEY, ZIP!! WHAT'S WITH TH' LUGGAGE? GOIN' SOMEWHERE?
I'M GOING WHERE I AM, CLAUDE, AND WHERE NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN, INCLUDING ME!


ZIPPY
"JUST JOSHING"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY GUY! I NEVER GET SAD, ANGRY OR DEPRESSED!!
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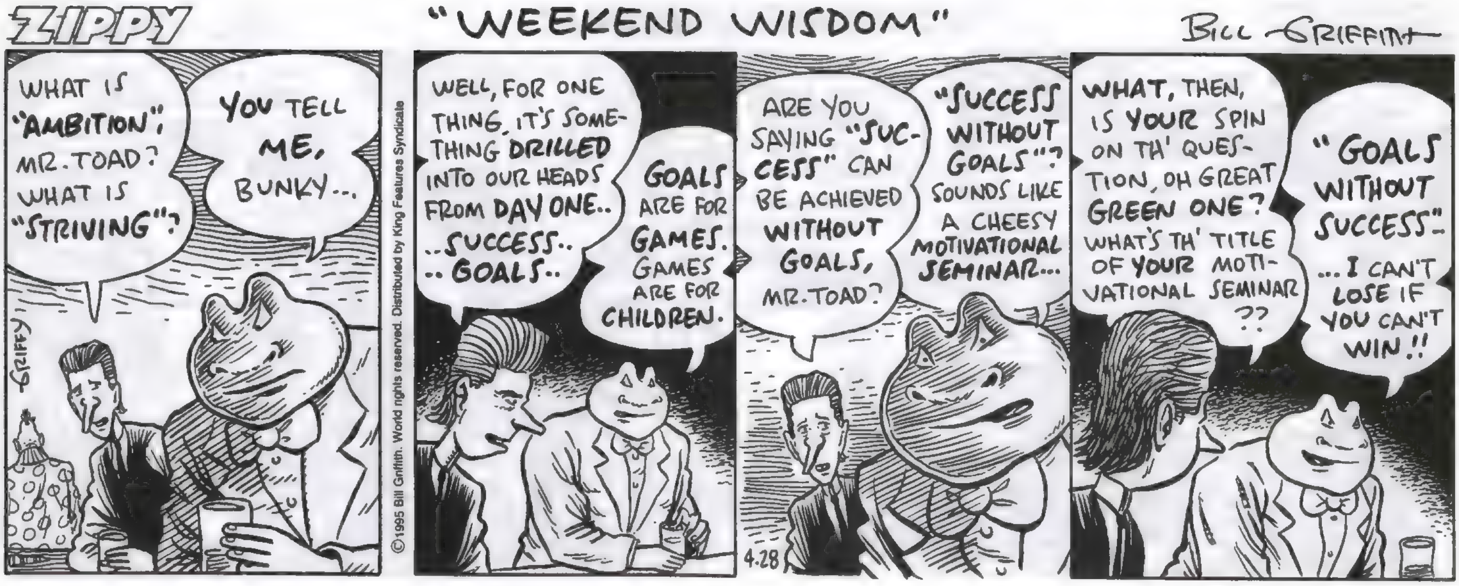
GRIFFY
3-4
I'M REMARKABLY EVEN-TEMPERED AND ALWAYS READY WITH A LIGHT-HEARTED QUIP!!
WHERE'S MY UZI??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"WEEKEND WISDOM"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS "AMBITION", MR. TOAD? WHAT IS "STRIVING"?
YOU TELL ME, BUNKY...
GRIFFY
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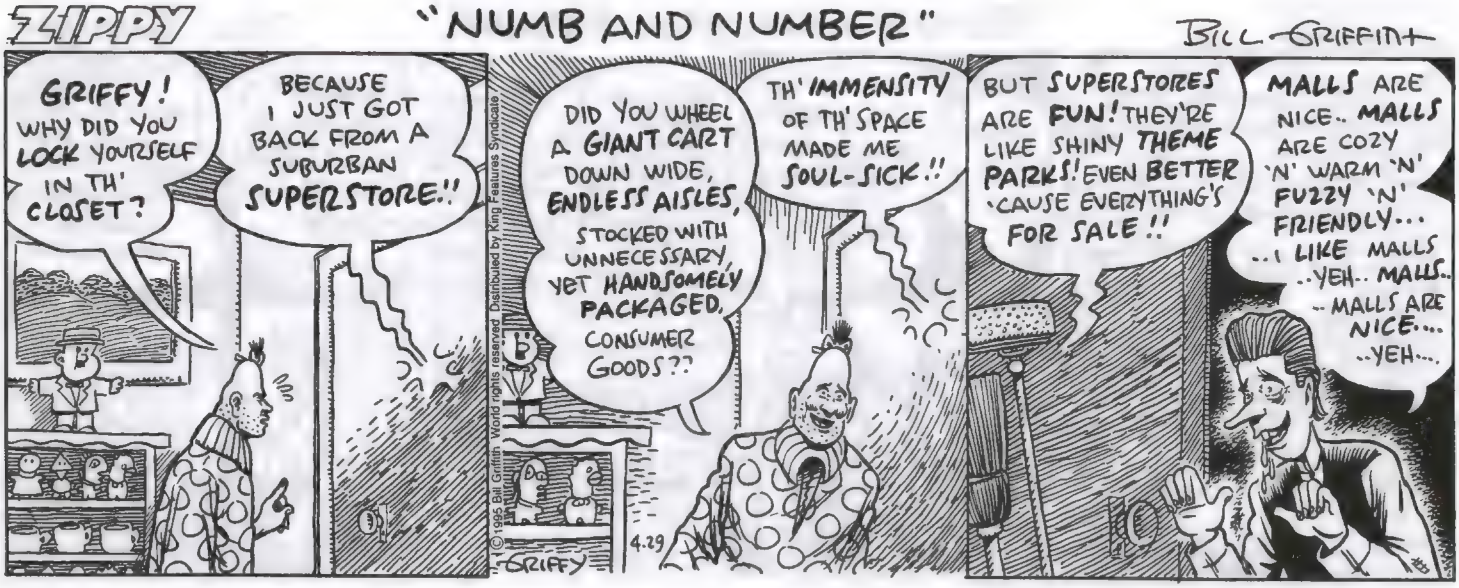
WELL, FOR ONE THING, IT'S SOMETHING DRILLED INTO OUR HEADS FROM DAY ONE.. ..SUCCESS.. ..GOALS..
GOALS ARE FOR GAMES. GAMES ARE FOR CHILDREN.
ARE YOU SAYING "SUCCESS" CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT GOALS, MR. TOAD?
"SUCCESS WITHOUT GOALS"? SOUNDS LIKE A CHEESY MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR...
4-28
WHAT, THEN, IS YOUR SPIN ON TH' QUESTION, OH GREAT GREEN ONE? WHAT'S TH' TITLE OF YOUR MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR??
"GOALS WITHOUT SUCCESS"... I CAN'T LOSE IF YOU CAN'T WIN!!


ZIPPY
"NUMB AND NUMBER"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! WHY DID YOU LOCK YOURSELF IN TH' CLOSET?
BECAUSE I JUST GOT BACK FROM A SUBURBAN SUPERSTORE!!
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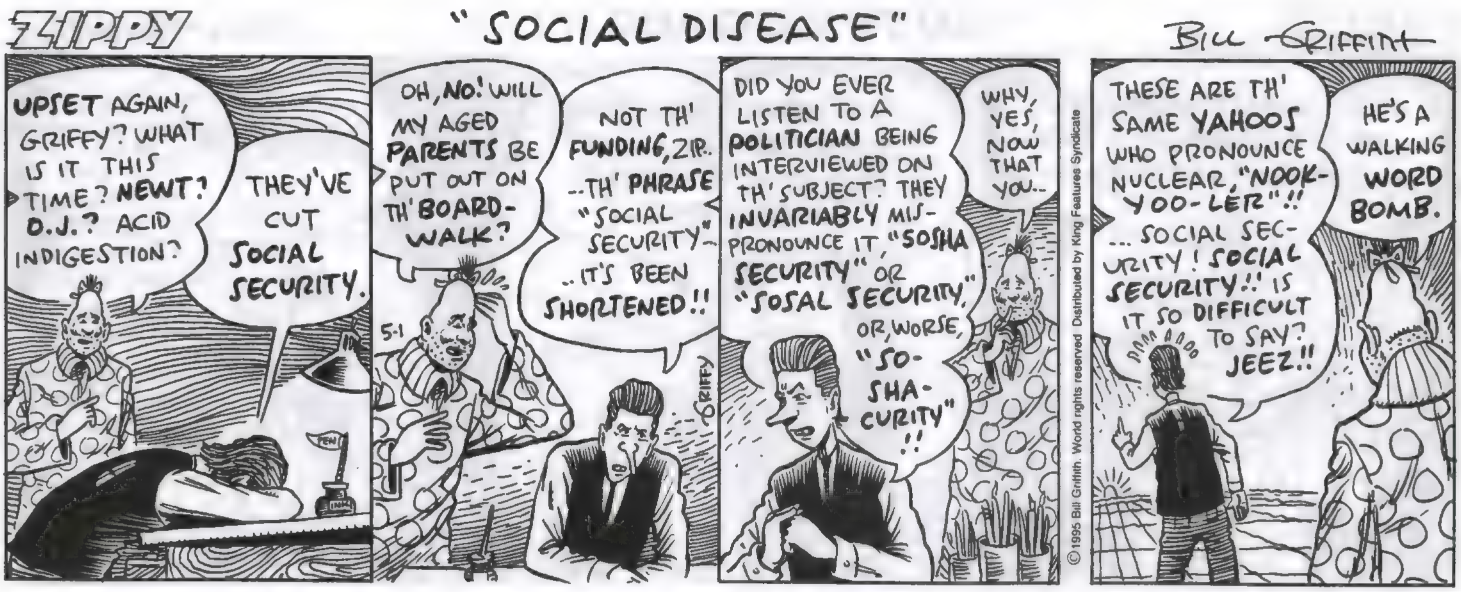
DID YOU WHEEL A GIANT CART DOWN WIDE, ENDLESS AISLES, STOCKED WITH UNNECESSARY, YET HANDSOMELY PACKAGED, CONSUMER GOODS??
TH' IMMENSITY OF TH' SPACE MADE ME SOUL-SICK!!
4-29
GRIFFY
BUT SUPERSTORES ARE FUN! THEY'RE LIKE SHINY THEME PARKS! EVEN BETTER 'CAUSE EVERYTHING'S FOR SALE!!
MALLS ARE NICE.. MALLS ARE COZY 'N' WARM 'N' FUZZY 'N' FRIENDLY... ..I LIKE MALLS ..YEH.. MALLS.. ..MALLS ARE NICE.... ..YEH....


ZIPPY
"SOCIAL DISEASE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UPSET AGAIN, GRIFFY? WHAT IS IT THIS TIME? NEWT? O.J.? ACID INDIGESTION?
THEY'VE CUT SOCIAL SECURITY.
OH, NO! WILL MY AGED PARENTS BE PUT OUT ON TH' BOARDWALK?
NOT TH' FUNDING, ZIP.. ..TH' PHRASE "SOCIAL SECURITY".. ..IT'S BEEN SHORTENED!!
5-1
GRIFFY
DID YOU EVER LISTEN TO A POLITICIAN BEING INTERVIEWED ON TH' SUBJECT? THEY INVARIABLY MISPRONOUNCE IT, "SOSHA SECURITY" OR "SOSAL SECURITY," OR, WORSE, "SO-SHA-CURITY"!!
WHY, YES, NOW THAT YOU..
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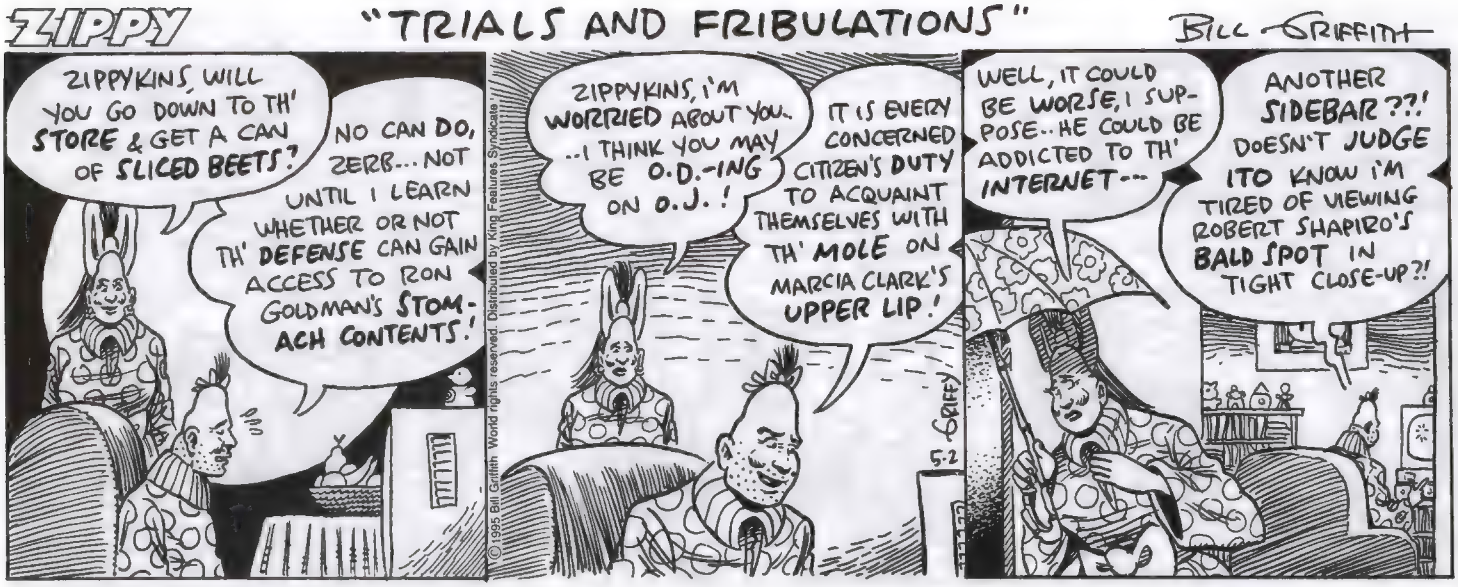
THESE ARE TH' SAME YAHOOS WHO PRONOUNCE NUCLEAR, "NOOK-YOO-LER"!! ... SOCIAL SECURITY! SOCIAL SECURITY!! IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO SAY? JEEZ!!
HE'S A WALKING WORD BOMB.


ZIPPY
"TRIALS AND FRIBULATIONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, WILL YOU GO DOWN TO TH' STORE & GET A CAN OF SLICED BEETS?
NO CAN DO, ZERB... NOT UNTIL I LEARN WHETHER OR NOT TH' DEFENSE CAN GAIN ACCESS TO RON GOLDMAN'S STOMACH CONTENTS!
ZIPPYKINS, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.. ..I THINK YOU MAY BE O.D.-ING ON O.J.!
IT IS EVERY CONCERNED CITIZEN'S DUTY TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH TH' MOLE ON MARCIA CLARK'S UPPER LIP!
GRIFFY
5-2
WELL, IT COULD BE WORSE, I SUPPOSE.. HE COULD BE ADDICTED TO TH' INTERNET--
ANOTHER SIDEBAR??! DOESN'T JUDGE ITO KNOW I'M TIRED OF VIEWING ROBERT SHAPIRO'S BALD SPOT IN TIGHT CLOSE-UP?!
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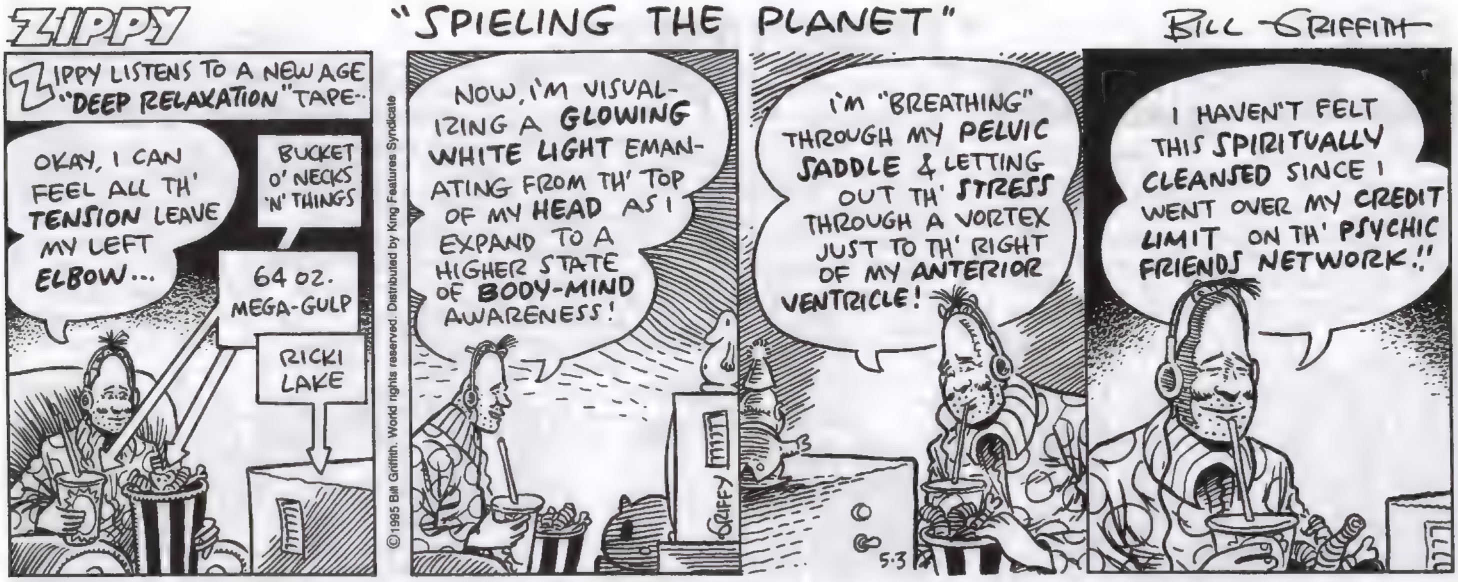
ZIPPY
"SPIELING THE PLANET"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY LISTENS TO A NEW AGE "DEEP RELAXATION" TAPE..
OKAY, I CAN FEEL ALL TH' TENSION LEAVE MY LEFT ELBOW...
BUCKET O' NECKS 'N' THINGS
64 OZ. MEGA-GULP
RICKI LAKE
NOW, I'M VISUALIZING A GLOWING WHITE LIGHT EMANATING FROM TH' TOP OF MY HEAD AS I EXPAND TO A HIGHER STATE OF BODY-MIND AWARENESS!
GRIFFY
I'M "BREATHING" THROUGH MY PELVIC SADDLE & LETTING OUT TH' STRESS THROUGH A VORTEX JUST TO TH' RIGHT OF MY ANTERIOR VENTRICLE!
5-3
I HAVEN'T FELT THIS SPIRITUALLY CLEANSED SINCE I WENT OVER MY CREDIT LIMIT ON TH' PSYCHIC FRIENDS NETWORK!!
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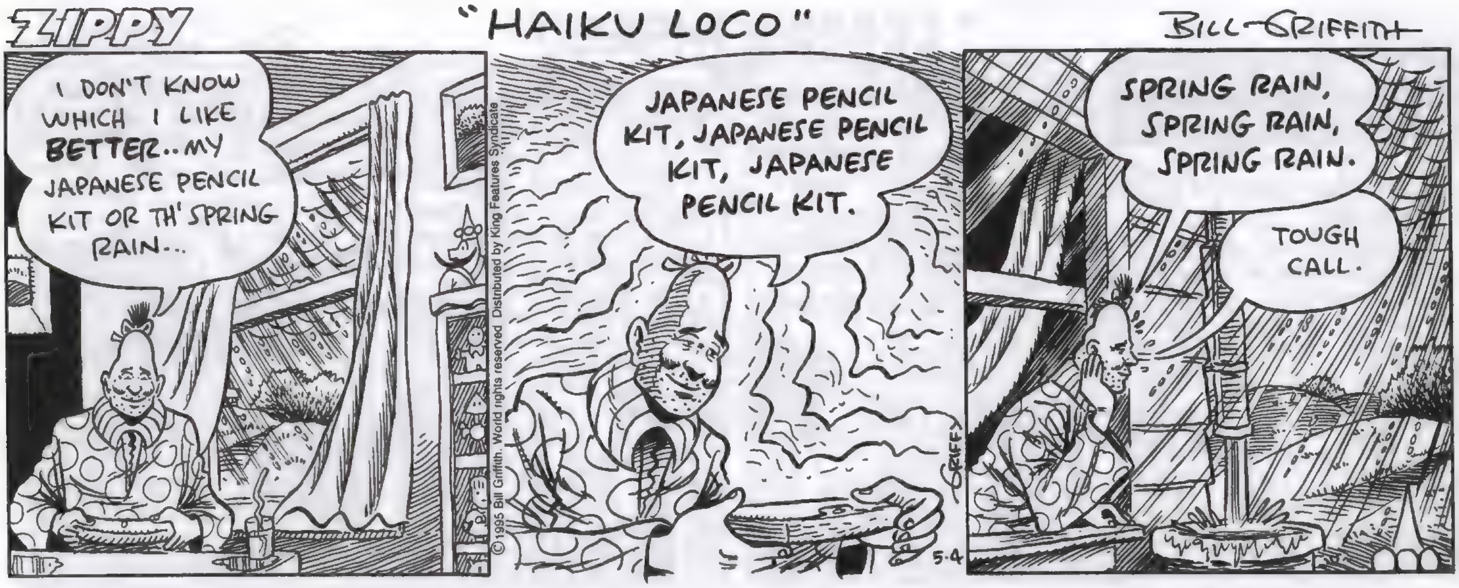
ZIPPY
"HAIKU LOCO"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T KNOW WHICH I LIKE BETTER.. MY JAPANESE PENCIL KIT OR TH' SPRING RAIN...
JAPANESE PENCIL KIT, JAPANESE PENCIL KIT, JAPANESE PENCIL KIT.
GRIFFY
5-4
SPRING RAIN, SPRING RAIN, SPRING RAIN.
TOUGH CALL.
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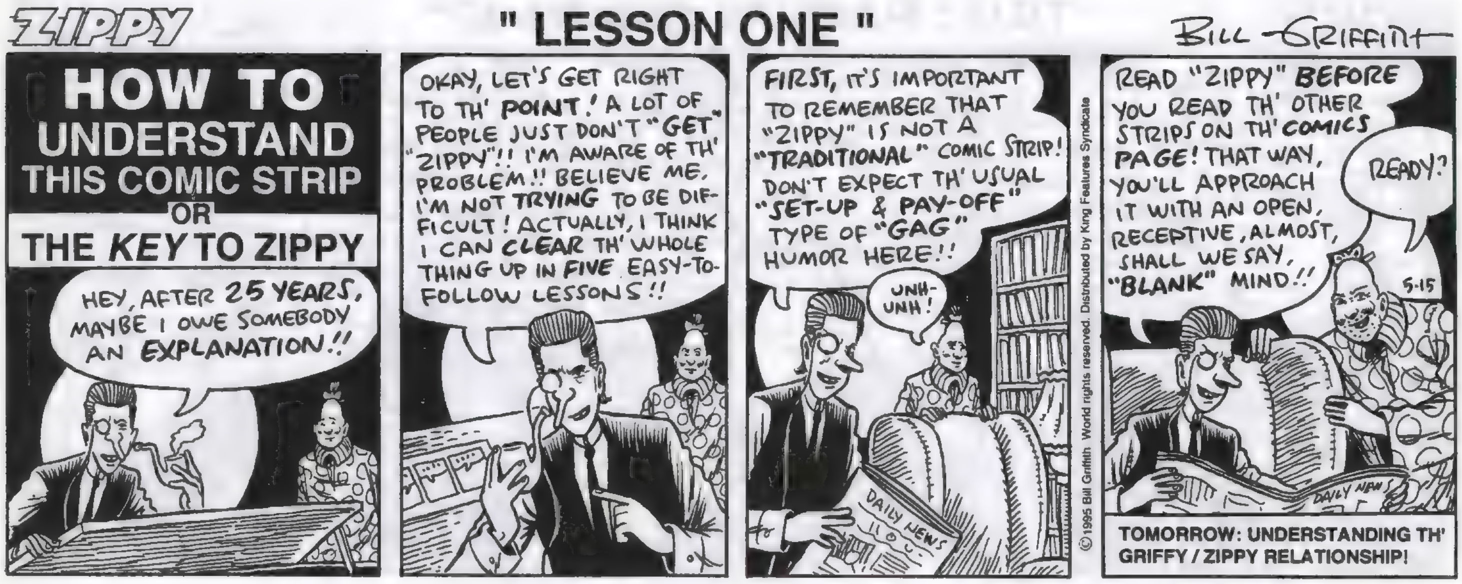
ZIPPY
" LESSON ONE "
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW TO UNDERSTAND THIS COMIC STRIP OR THE KEY TO ZIPPY
HEY, AFTER 25 YEARS, MAYBE I OWE SOMEBODY AN EXPLANATION!!
OKAY, LET'S GET RIGHT TO TH' POINT! A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST DON'T "GET" "ZIPPY"!! I'M AWARE OF TH' PROBLEM!! BELIEVE ME, I'M NOT TRYING TO BE DIFFICULT! ACTUALLY, I THINK I CAN CLEAR TH' WHOLE THING UP IN FIVE EASY-TO-FOLLOW LESSONS!!
FIRST, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT "ZIPPY" IS NOT A "TRADITIONAL" COMIC STRIP! DON'T EXPECT TH' USUAL "SET-UP & PAY-OFF" TYPE OF "GAG" HUMOR HERE!!
UNH-UNH!
DAILY NEWS
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READ "ZIPPY" BEFORE YOU READ TH' OTHER STRIPS ON TH' COMICS PAGE! THAT WAY, YOU'LL APPROACH IT WITH AN OPEN, RECEPTIVE, ALMOST, SHALL WE SAY, "BLANK" MIND!!
READY?
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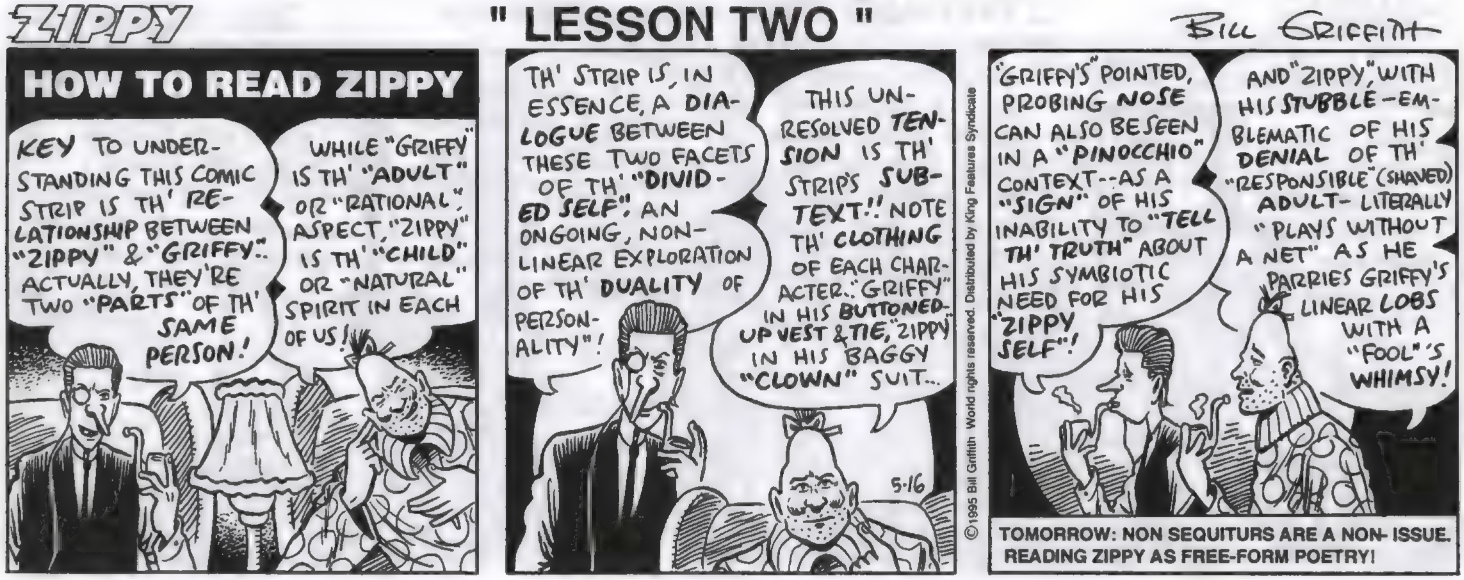
DAILY NEWS
TOMORROW: UNDERSTANDING TH' GRIFFY / ZIPPY RELATIONSHIP!


ZIPPY
" LESSON TWO "
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW TO READ ZIPPY
KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THIS COMIC STRIP IS TH' RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN "ZIPPY" & "GRIFFY".. ACTUALLY, THEY'RE TWO "PARTS" OF TH' SAME PERSON!
WHILE "GRIFFY" IS TH' "ADULT" OR "RATIONAL" ASPECT, "ZIPPY" IS TH' "CHILD" OR "NATURAL" SPIRIT IN EACH OF US!
TH' STRIP IS, IN ESSENCE, A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THESE TWO FACETS OF TH' "DIVIDED SELF", AN ONGOING, NON-LINEAR EXPLORATION OF TH' DUALITY OF PERSONALITY"!
THIS UNRESOLVED TENSION IS TH' STRIP'S SUBTEXT!! NOTE TH' CLOTHING OF EACH CHARACTER.. "GRIFFY" IN HIS BUTTONED-UP VEST & TIE, "ZIPPY" IN HIS BAGGY "CLOWN" SUIT...
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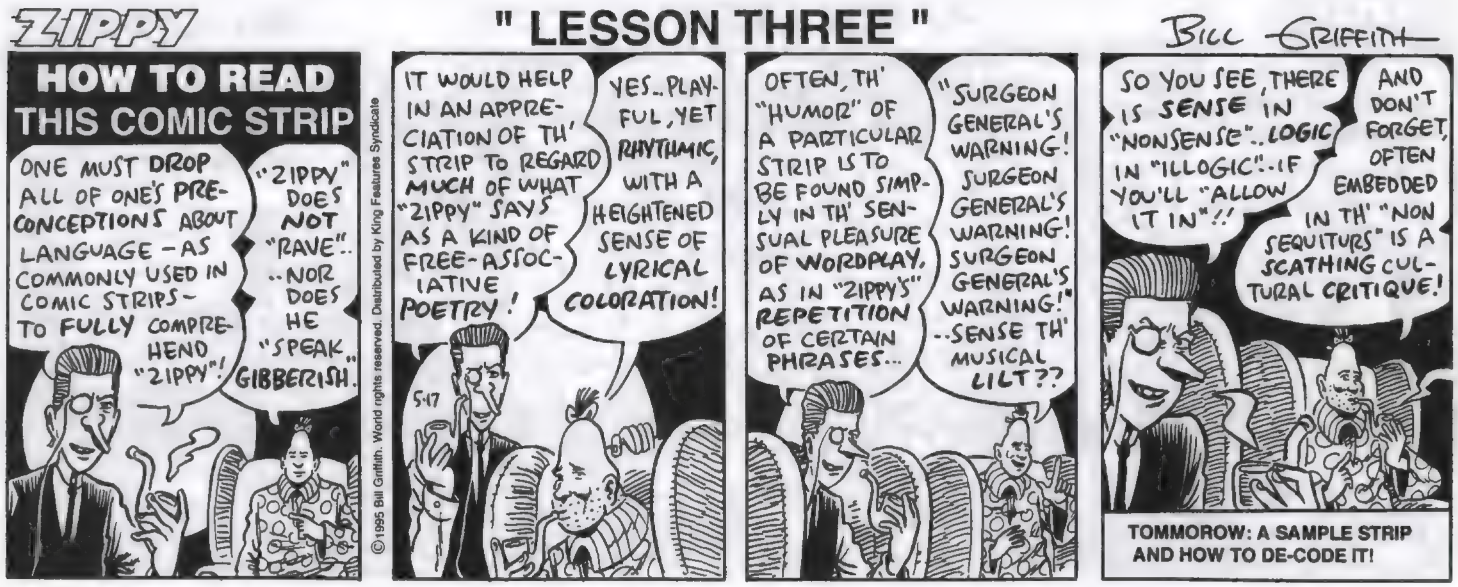
"GRIFFY'S" POINTED, PROBING NOSE CAN ALSO BE SEEN IN A "PINOCCHIO" CONTEXT--AS A "SIGN" OF HIS INABILITY TO "TELL TH' TRUTH" ABOUT HIS SYMBIOTIC NEED FOR HIS "ZIPPY SELF"!
AND "ZIPPY", WITH HIS STUBBLE-EMBLEMATIC OF HIS DENIAL OF TH' "RESPONSIBLE" (SHAVED) ADULT- LITERALLY "PLAYS WITHOUT A NET" AS HE PARRIES GRIFFY'S LINEAR LOBS WITH A "FOOL"'S WHIMSY!
TOMORROW: NON SEQUITURS ARE A NON- ISSUE. READING ZIPPY AS FREE-FORM POETRY!


ZIPPY
" LESSON THREE "
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW TO READ THIS COMIC STRIP
ONE MUST DROP ALL OF ONE'S PRECONCEPTIONS ABOUT LANGUAGE - AS COMMONLY USED IN COMIC STRIPS - TO FULLY COMPREHEND "ZIPPY"!
"ZIPPY" DOES NOT "RAVE".. ..NOR DOES HE "SPEAK GIBBERISH".
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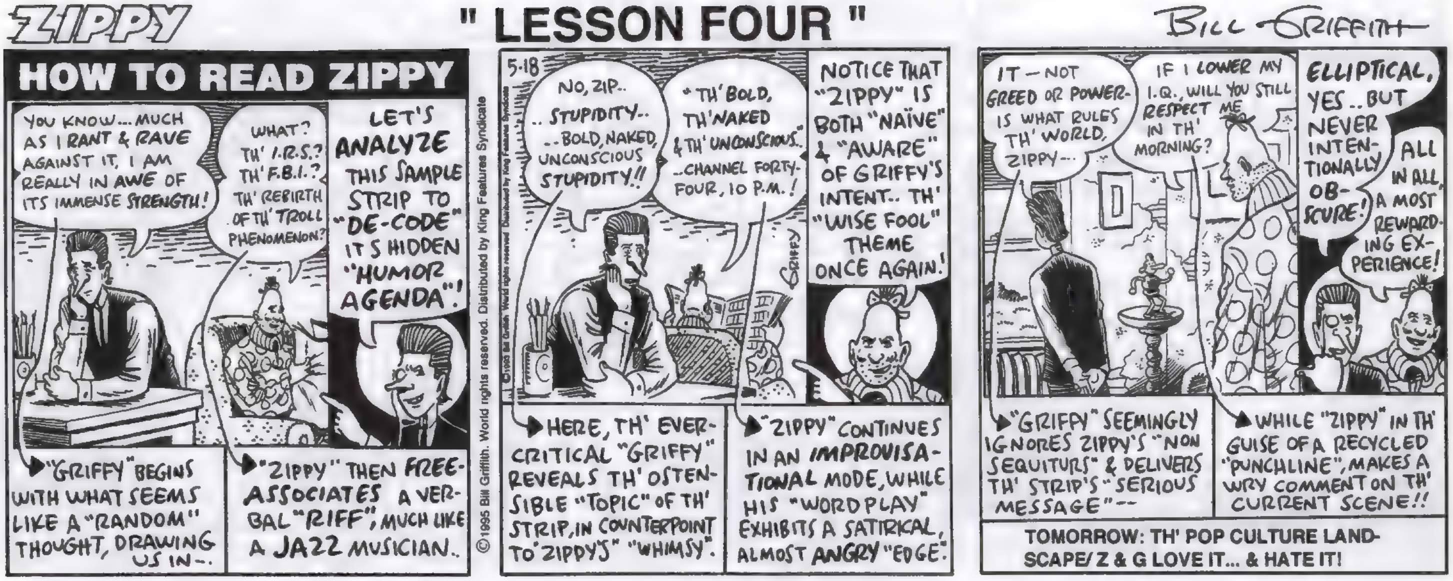
IT WOULD HELP IN AN APPRECIATION OF TH' STRIP TO REGARD MUCH OF WHAT "ZIPPY" SAYS AS A KIND OF FREE-ASSOCIATIVE POETRY!
YES.. PLAYFUL, YET RHYTHMIC, WITH A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF LYRICAL COLORATION!
5-17
OFTEN, TH' "HUMOR" OF A PARTICULAR STRIP IS TO BE FOUND SIMPLY IN TH' SENSUAL PLEASURE OF WORDPLAY, AS IN "ZIPPY'S" REPETITION OF CERTAIN PHRASES...
"SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING! SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING! SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING!" --SENSE TH' MUSICAL LILT??
SO YOU SEE, THERE IS SENSE IN "NONSENSE".. LOGIC IN "ILLOGIC".. IF YOU'LL "ALLOW IT IN"!!
AND DON'T FORGET, OFTEN EMBEDDED IN TH' "NON SEQUITURS" IS A SCATHING CULTURAL CRITIQUE!
TOMMOROW: A SAMPLE STRIP AND HOW TO DE-CODE IT!

" LESSON FOUR "


ZIPPY
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW TO READ ZIPPY
YOU KNOW... MUCH AS I RANT & RAVE AGAINST IT, I AM REALLY IN AWE OF ITS IMMENSE STRENGTH!
WHAT? TH' I.R.S.? TH' F.B.I.? TH' REBIRTH OF TH' TROLL PHENOMENON?
LET'S ANALYZE THIS SAMPLE STRIP TO "DE-CODE" IT'S HIDDEN "HUMOR AGENDA"!
▶"GRIFFY" BEGINS WITH WHAT SEEMS LIKE A "RANDOM" THOUGHT, DRAWING US IN--.
▶"ZIPPY" THEN FREE-ASSOCIATES A VERBAL "RIFF", MUCH LIKE A JAZZ MUSICIAN..
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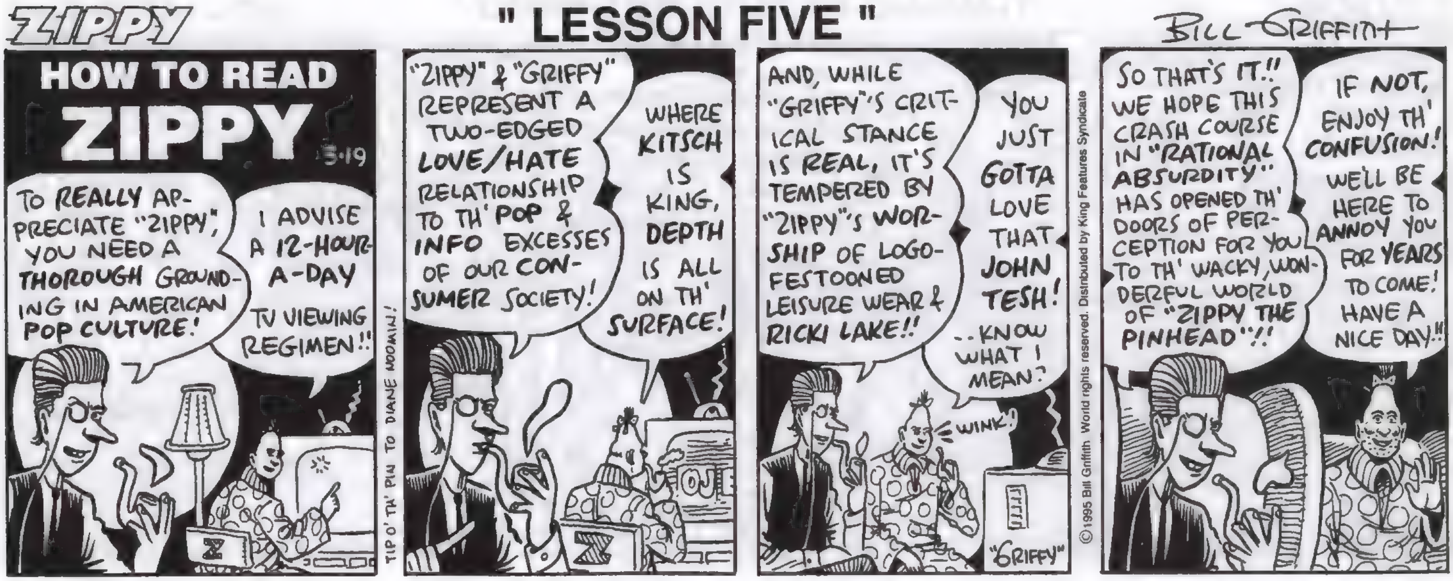
NO, ZIP.. ..STUPIDITY.. ..BOLD, NAKED, UNCONSCIOUS STUPIDITY!!
"TH' BOLD, TH' NAKED & TH' UNCONSCIOUS".. ..CHANNEL FORTY-FOUR, 10 P.M.!
GRIFFY
NOTICE THAT "ZIPPY" IS BOTH "NAÏVE" & "AWARE" OF GRIFFY'S INTENT.. TH' "WISE FOOL" THEME ONCE AGAIN!
▶HERE, TH' EVER-CRITICAL "GRIFFY" REVEALS TH' OSTENSIBLE "TOPIC" OF TH' STRIP, IN COUNTERPOINT TO "ZIPPY'S" "WHIMSY".
▶"ZIPPY" CONTINUES IN AN IMPROVISATIONAL MODE, WHILE HIS "WORDPLAY" EXHIBITS A SATIRICAL, ALMOST ANGRY "EDGE".
IT — NOT GREED OR POWER — IS WHAT RULES TH' WORLD, ZIPPY--.
IF I LOWER MY I.Q., WILL YOU STILL RESPECT ME IN TH' MORNING?
ELLIPTICAL, YES.. BUT NEVER INTENTIONALLY OBSCURE!
ALL IN ALL, A MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE!
▶"GRIFFY" SEEMINGLY IGNORES ZIPPY'S "NON SEQUITURS" & DELIVERS TH' STRIP'S "SERIOUS MESSAGE"--
▶WHILE "ZIPPY" IN TH' GUISE OF A RECYCLED "PUNCHLINE", MAKES A WRY COMMENT ON TH' CURRENT SCENE!!
TOMORROW: TH' POP CULTURE LANDSCAPE/ Z & G LOVE IT... & HATE IT!

" LESSON FIVE "


ZIPPY
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW TO READ ZIPPY
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TO REALLY APPRECIATE "ZIPPY", YOU NEED A THOROUGH GROUNDING IN AMERICAN POP CULTURE!
I ADVISE A 12-HOUR-A-DAY TV VIEWING REGIMEN!!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO DIANE NOOMIN!
"ZIPPY" & "GRIFFY" REPRESENT A TWO-EDGED LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP TO TH' POP & INFO EXCESSES OF OUR CONSUMER SOCIETY!
WHERE KITSCH IS KING, DEPTH IS ALL ON TH' SURFACE!
OJ
AND, WHILE "GRIFFY"'S CRITICAL STANCE IS REAL, IT'S TEMPERED BY "ZIPPY"'S WORSHIP OF LOGO-FESTOONED LEISURE WEAR & RICKI LAKE!!
YOU JUST GOTTA LOVE THAT JOHN TESH! ..KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
WINK!
"GRIFFY"
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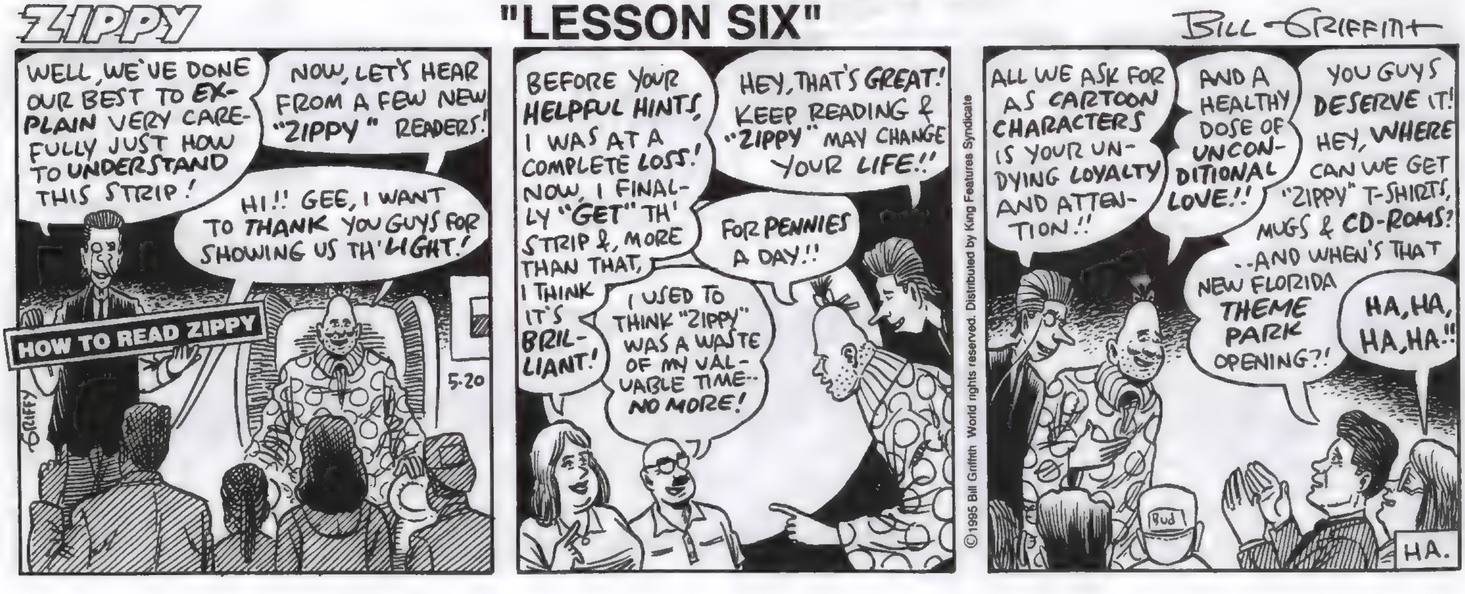
SO THAT'S IT!! WE HOPE THIS CRASH COURSE IN "RATIONAL ABSURDITY" HAS OPENED TH' DOORS OF PERCEPTION FOR YOU TO TH' WACKY, WONDERFUL WORLD OF "ZIPPY THE PINHEAD"!!
IF NOT, ENJOY TH' CONFUSION! WE'LL BE HERE TO ANNOY YOU FOR YEARS TO COME! HAVE A NICE DAY!!

"LESSON SIX"


ZIPPY
BILL GRIFFITH
WELL, WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO EXPLAIN VERY CAREFULLY JUST HOW TO UNDERSTAND THIS STRIP!
NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM A FEW NEW "ZIPPY" READERS!
HI!! GEE, I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR SHOWING US TH' LIGHT!
HOW TO READ ZIPPY
GRIFFY
5·20
BEFORE YOUR HELPFUL HINTS, I WAS AT A COMPLETE LOSS! NOW, I FINALLY "GET" TH' STRIP &, MORE THAN THAT, I THINK IT'S BRILLIANT!
HEY, THAT'S GREAT! KEEP READING & "ZIPPY" MAY CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!
FOR PENNIES A DAY!!
I USED TO THINK "ZIPPY" WAS A WASTE OF MY VALUABLE TIME-- NO MORE!
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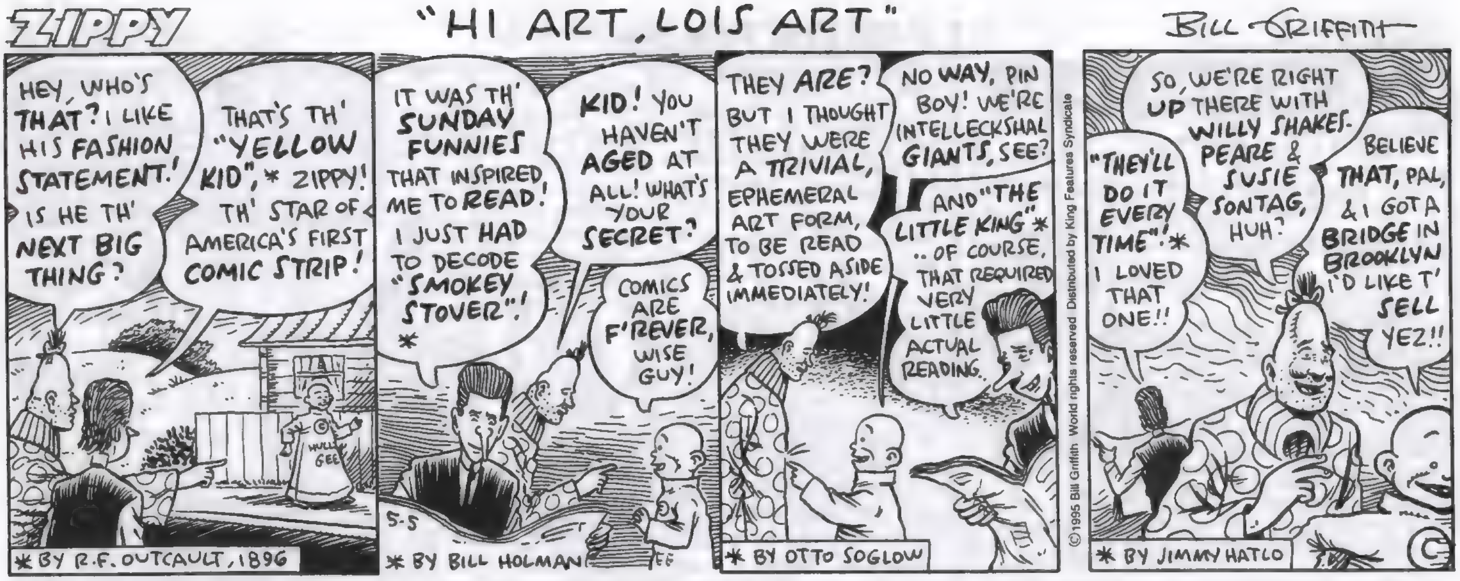
ALL WE ASK FOR AS CARTOON CHARACTERS IS YOUR UNDYING LOYALTY AND ATTENTION!!
AND A HEALTHY DOSE OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE!!
YOU GUYS DESERVE IT! HEY, WHERE CAN WE GET "ZIPPY" T-SHIRTS, MUGS & CD-ROMS? --AND WHEN'S THAT NEW FLORIDA THEME PARK OPENING?!
HA, HA, HA, HA!!
Bud
HA.


ZIPPY
"HI ART, LOIS ART"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, WHO'S THAT? I LIKE HIS FASHION STATEMENT! IS HE TH' NEXT BIG THING?
THAT'S TH' "YELLOW KID", * ZIPPY! TH' STAR OF AMERICA'S FIRST COMIC STRIP!
HULLY GEE
* BY R.F. OUTCAULT, 1896
IT WAS TH' SUNDAY FUNNIES THAT INSPIRED ME TO READ! I JUST HAD TO DECODE "SMOKEY STOVER"! *
KID! YOU HAVEN'T AGED AT ALL! WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?
COMICS ARE F'REVER, WISE GUY!
5-5
* BY BILL HOLMAN
THEY ARE? BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE A TRIVIAL, EPHEMERAL ART FORM, TO BE READ & TOSSED ASIDE IMMEDIATELY!
NO WAY, PIN BOY! WE'RE INTELLECKSHAL GIANTS, SEE?
AND "THE LITTLE KING" * .. OF COURSE, THAT REQUIRED VERY LITTLE ACTUAL READING..
* BY OTTO SOGLOW
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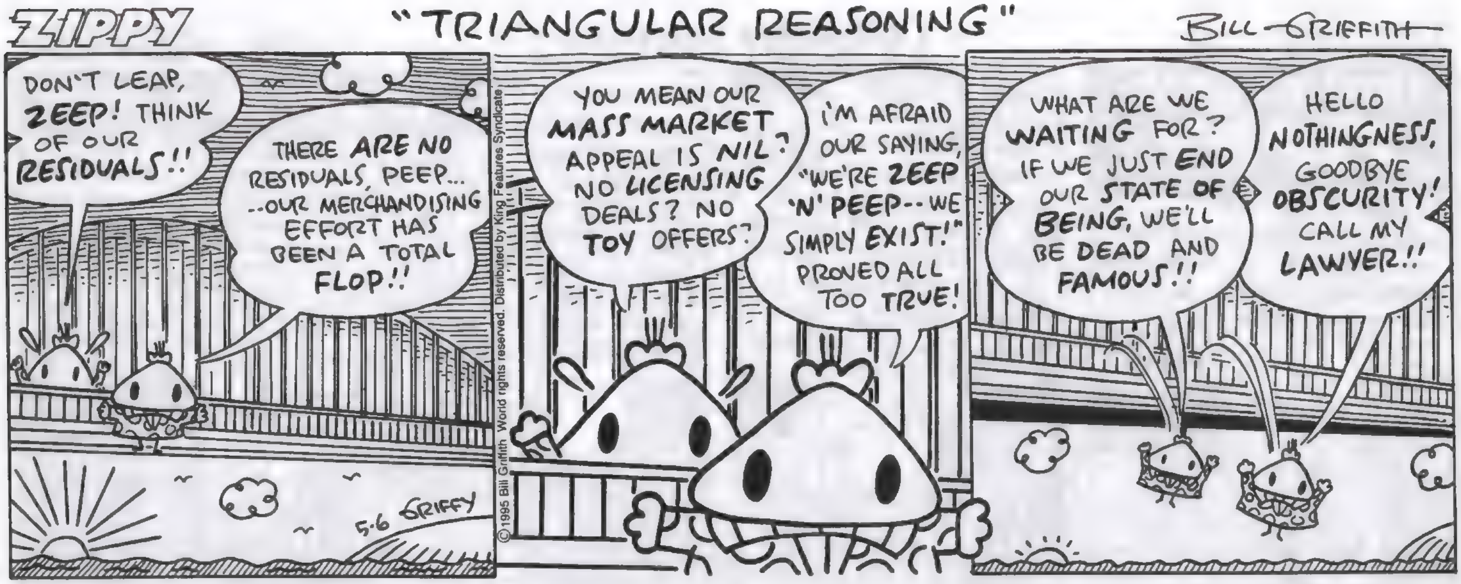
SO, WE'RE RIGHT UP THERE WITH WILLY SHAKESPEARE & SUSIE SONTAG, HUH?
"THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME"! * I LOVED THAT ONE!!
BELIEVE THAT, PAL, & I GOT A BRIDGE IN BROOKLYN I'D LIKE T' SELL YEZ!!
* BY JIMMY HATLO


ZIPPY
"TRIANGULAR REASONING"
BILL GRIFFITH
DON'T LEAP, ZEEP! THINK OF OUR RESIDUALS!!
THERE ARE NO RESIDUALS, PEEP... ..OUR MERCHANDISING EFFORT HAS BEEN A TOTAL FLOP!!
5-6 GRIFFY
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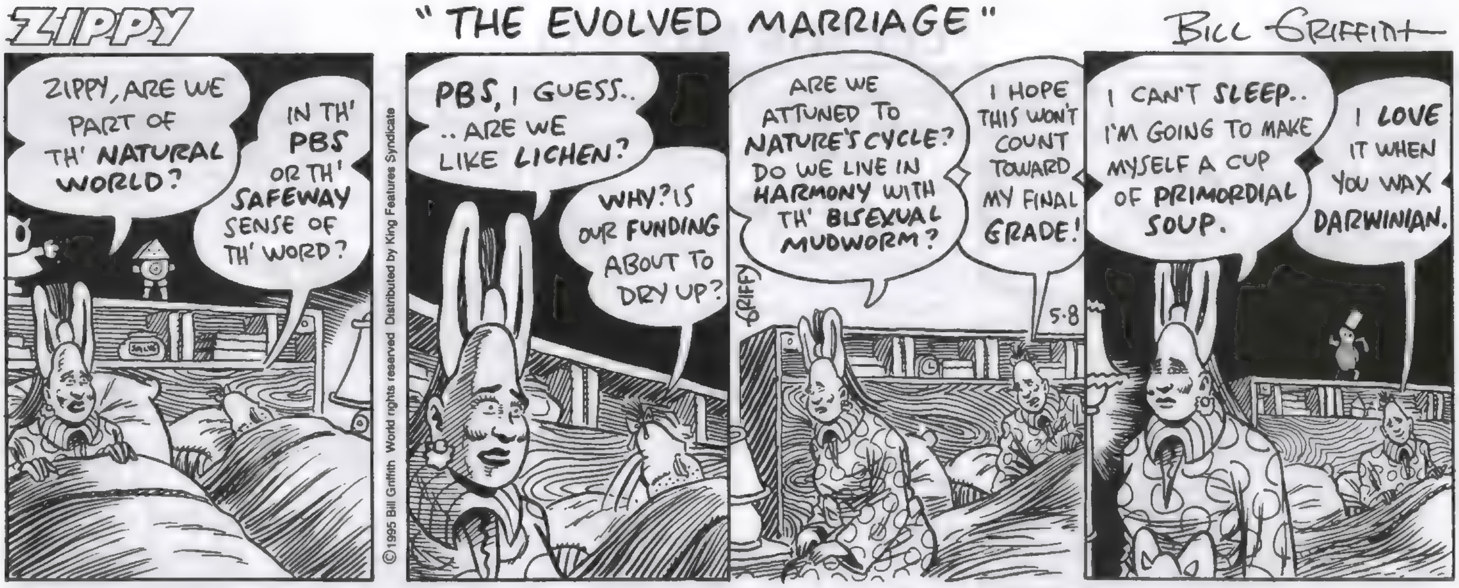
YOU MEAN OUR MASS MARKET APPEAL IS NIL? NO LICENSING DEALS? NO TOY OFFERS?
I'M AFRAID OUR SAYING, "WE'RE ZEEP 'N' PEEP-- WE SIMPLY EXIST!" PROVED ALL TOO TRUE!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? IF WE JUST END OUR STATE OF BEING, WE'LL BE DEAD AND FAMOUS!!
HELLO NOTHINGNESS, GOODBYE OBSCURITY! CALL MY LAWYER!!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"THE EVOLVED MARRIAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, ARE WE PART OF TH' NATURAL WORLD?
IN TH' PBS OR TH' SAFEWAY SENSE OF TH' WORD?
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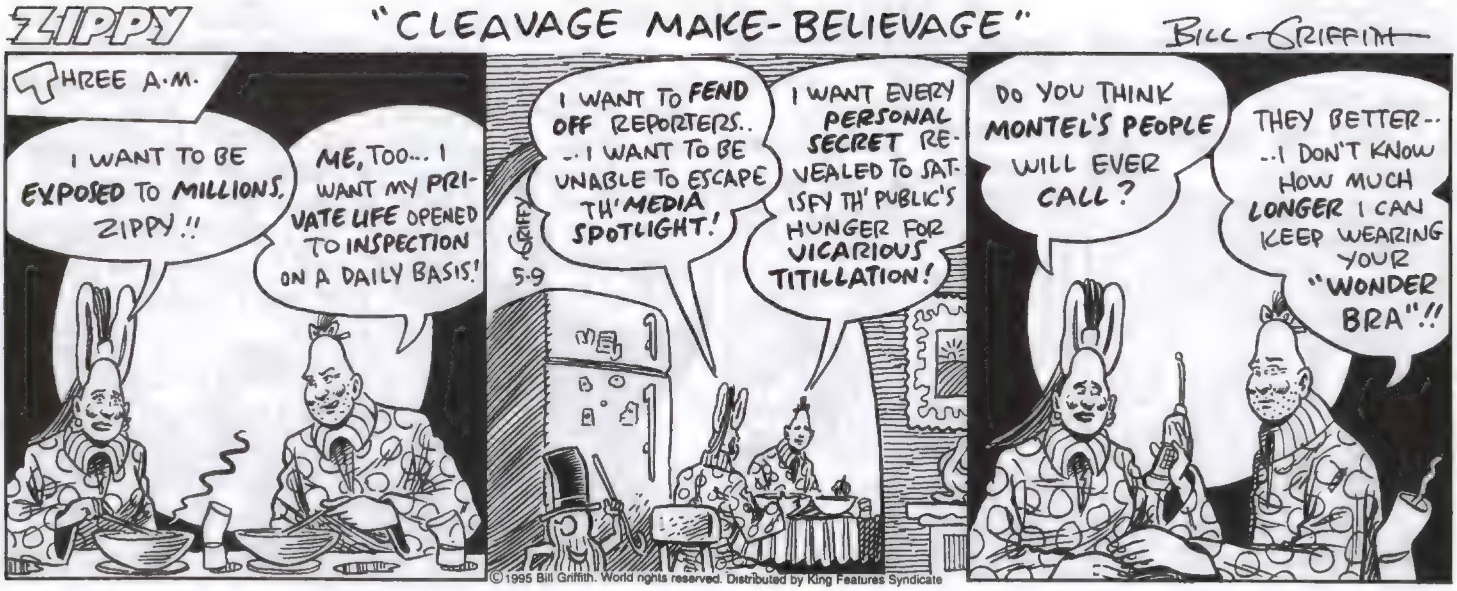
PBS, I GUESS.. ..ARE WE LIKE LICHEN?
WHY? IS OUR FUNDING ABOUT TO DRY UP?
GRIFFY
ARE WE ATTUNED TO NATURE'S CYCLE? DO WE LIVE IN HARMONY WITH TH' BISEXUAL MUDWORM?
I HOPE THIS WON'T COUNT TOWARD MY FINAL GRADE!
5-8
I CAN'T SLEEP.. I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A CUP OF PRIMORDIAL SOUP.
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU WAX DARWINIAN.


ZIPPY
"CLEAVAGE MAKE-BELIEVAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
THREE A.M.
I WANT TO BE EXPOSED TO MILLIONS, ZIPPY !!
ME, TOO... I WANT MY PRIVATE LIFE OPENED TO INSPECTION ON A DAILY BASIS!
I WANT TO FEND OFF REPORTERS.. ..I WANT TO BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE TH' MEDIA SPOTLIGHT!
I WANT EVERY PERSONAL SECRET REVEALED TO SATISFY TH' PUBLIC'S HUNGER FOR VICARIOUS TITILLATION!
GRIFFY
5-9
DO YOU THINK MONTEL'S PEOPLE WILL EVER CALL?
THEY BETTER-- ..I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN KEEP WEARING YOUR "WONDER BRA"!!

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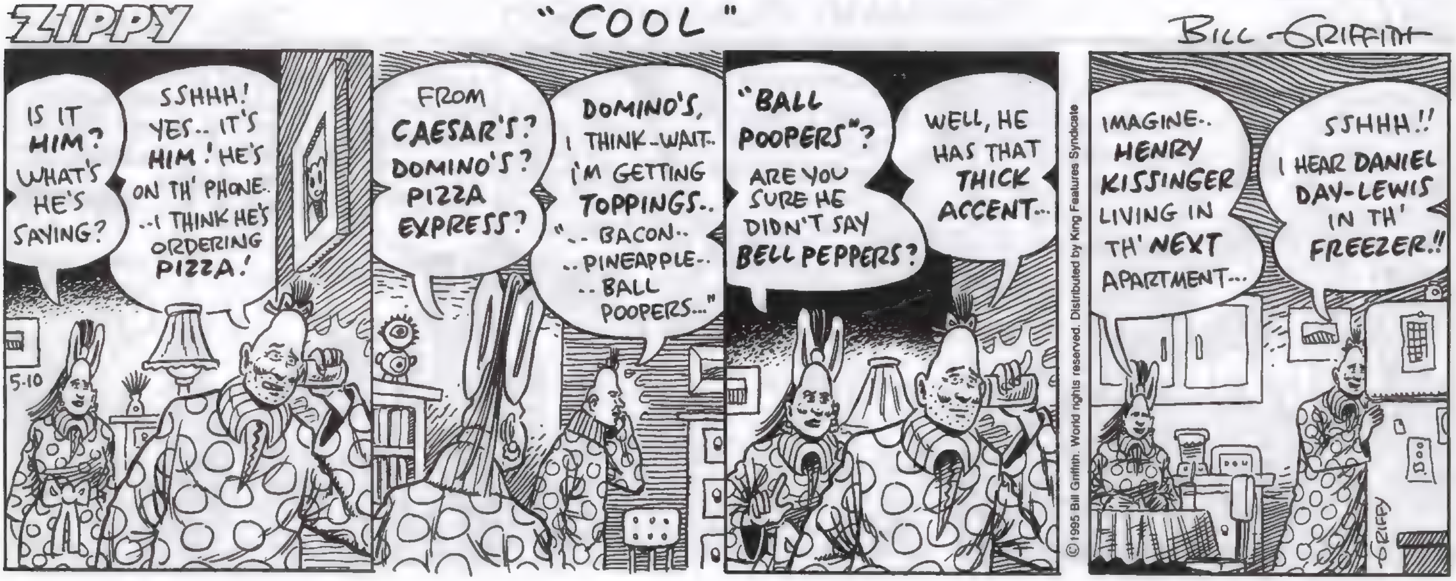
ZIPPY
"COOL"
BILL GRIFFITH
IS IT HIM? WHAT'S HE'S SAYING?
SSHHH! YES.. IT'S HIM! HE'S ON TH' PHONE.. ..I THINK HE'S ORDERING PIZZA!
5-10
FROM CAESAR'S? DOMINO'S? PIZZA EXPRESS?
DOMINO'S, I THINK-WAIT.. I'M GETTING TOPPINGS.. "..BACON.. ..PINEAPPLE.. ..BALL POOPERS..."
"BALL POOPERS"? ARE YOU SURE HE DIDN'T SAY BELL PEPPERS?
WELL, HE HAS THAT THICK ACCENT...
IMAGINE.. HENRY KISSINGER LIVING IN TH' NEXT APARTMENT...
SSHHH!! I HEAR DANIEL DAY-LEWIS IN TH' FREEZER!!
GRIFFY

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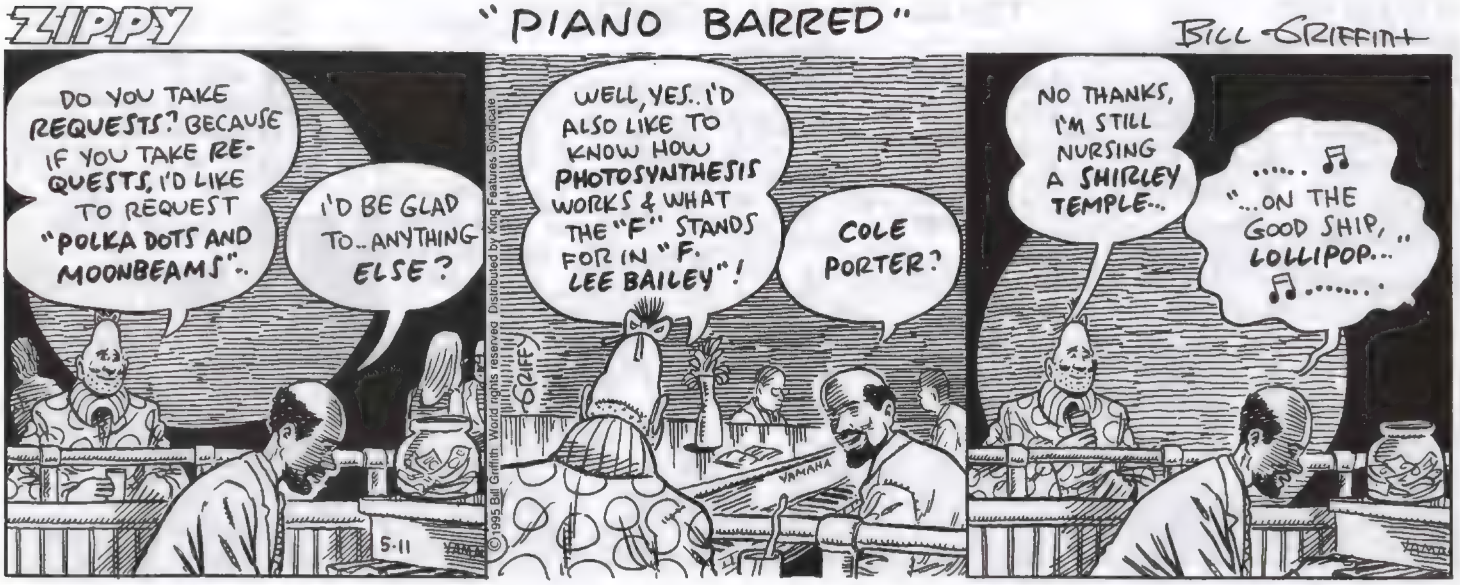
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"PIANO BARRED"
BILL GRIFFITH
DO YOU TAKE REQUESTS? BECAUSE IF YOU TAKE REQUESTS, I'D LIKE TO REQUEST "POLKA DOTS AND MOONBEAMS"..
I'D BE GLAD TO.. ANYTHING ELSE?
5-11
GRIFFY
WELL, YES.. I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW HOW PHOTOSYNTHESIS WORKS & WHAT THE "F" STANDS FOR IN "F. LEE BAILEY"!
COLE PORTER?
YAMAHA
NO THANKS, I'M STILL NURSING A SHIRLEY TEMPLE...
...... ♫ "...ON THE GOOD SHIP, LOLLIPOP..." ♫ ....

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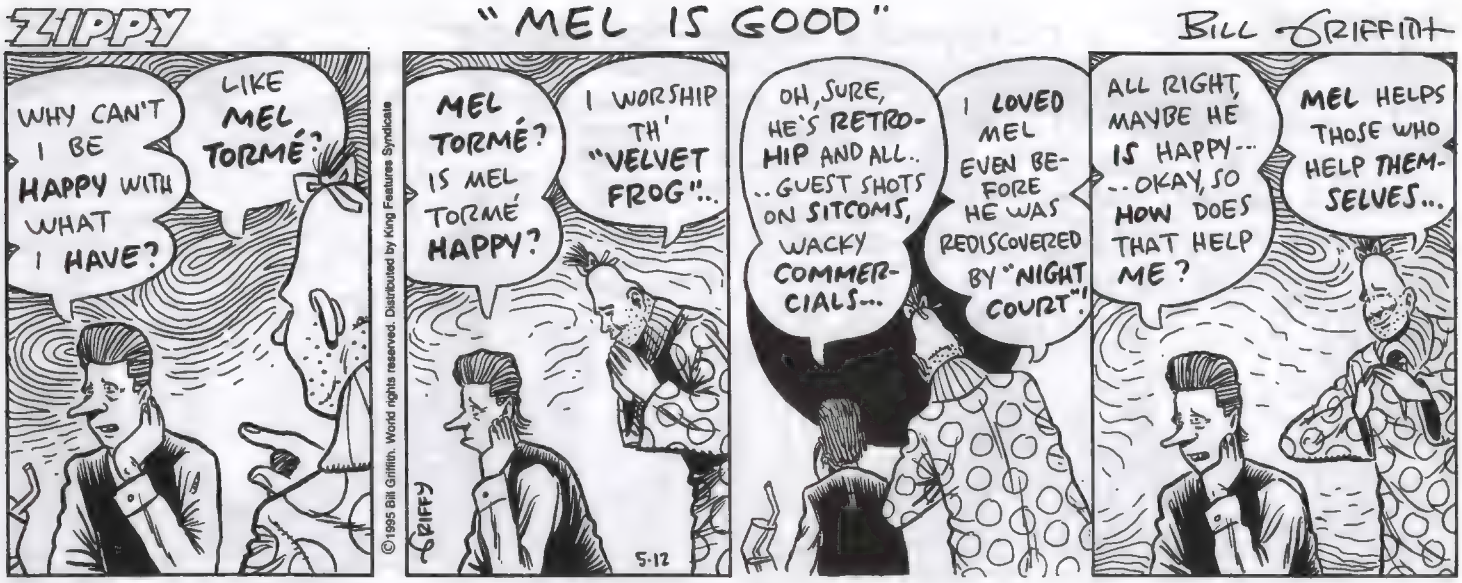
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"MEL IS GOOD"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHY CAN'T I BE HAPPY WITH WHAT I HAVE?
LIKE MEL TORMÉ?
MEL TORMÉ? IS MEL TORMÉ HAPPY?
I WORSHIP TH' "VELVET FROG"..
OH, SURE, HE'S RETRO-HIP AND ALL.. ..GUEST SHOTS ON SITCOMS, WACKY COMMERCIALS...
I LOVED MEL EVEN BEFORE HE WAS REDISCOVERED BY "NIGHT COURT"!
ALL RIGHT, MAYBE HE IS HAPPY... ..OKAY, SO HOW DOES THAT HELP ME?
MEL HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES...
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GRIFFY
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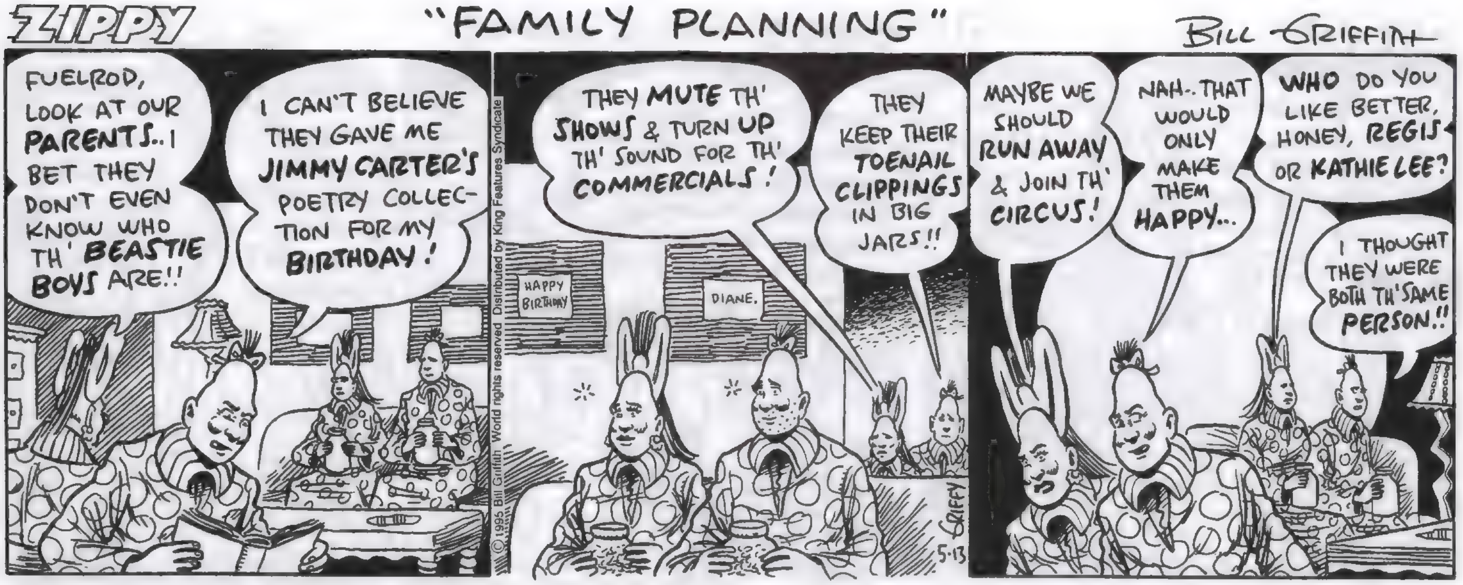
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"FAMILY PLANNING"
BILL GRIFFITH
FUELROD, LOOK AT OUR PARENTS..I BET THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TH' BEASTIE BOYS ARE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY GAVE ME JIMMY CARTER'S POETRY COLLECTION FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DIANE.
THEY MUTE TH' SHOWS & TURN UP TH' SOUND FOR TH' COMMERCIALS!
THEY KEEP THEIR TOENAIL CLIPPINGS IN BIG JARS!!
MAYBE WE SHOULD RUN AWAY & JOIN TH' CIRCUS!
NAH.. THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE THEM HAPPY...
WHO DO YOU LIKE BETTER, HONEY, REGIS OR KATHIE LEE?
I THOUGHT THEY WERE BOTH TH' SAME PERSON!!
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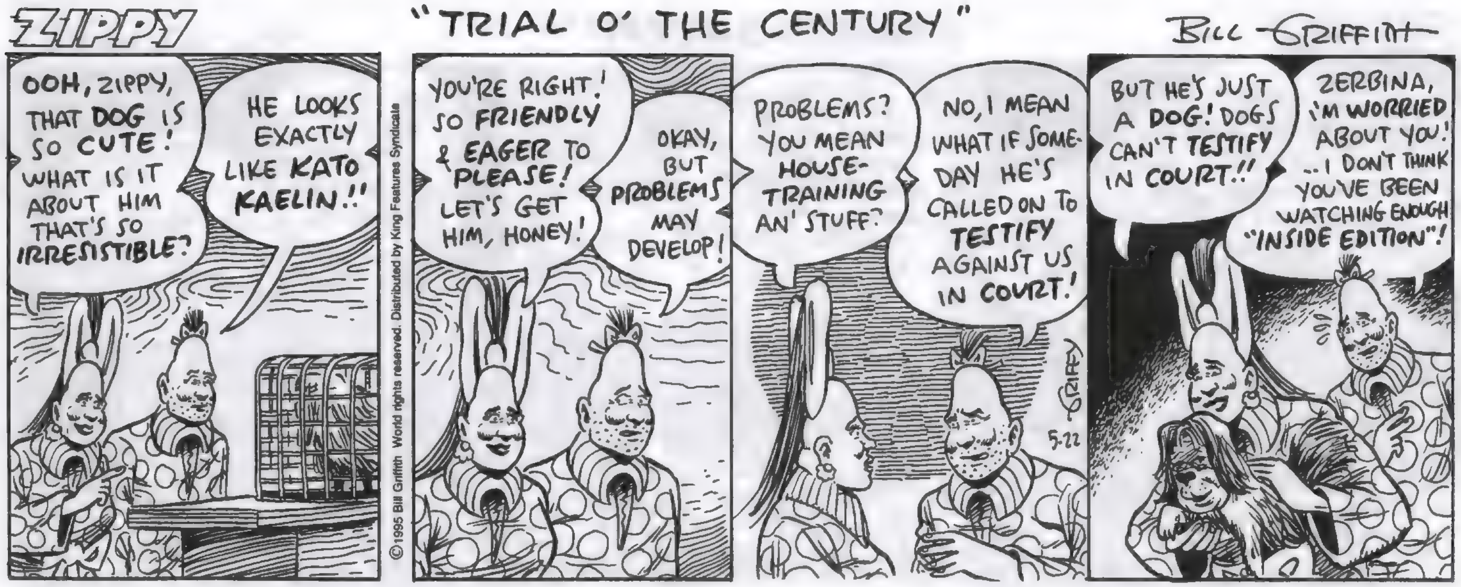
GRIFFY
5-13


ZIPPY
"TRIAL O' THE CENTURY"
BILL GRIFFITH
OOH, ZIPPY, THAT DOG IS SO CUTE! WHAT IS IT ABOUT HIM THAT'S SO IRRESISTIBLE?
HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE KATO KAELIN!!
YOU'RE RIGHT! SO FRIENDLY & EAGER TO PLEASE! LET'S GET HIM, HONEY!
OKAY, BUT PROBLEMS MAY DEVELOP!
PROBLEMS? YOU MEAN HOUSE-TRAINING AN' STUFF?
NO, I MEAN WHAT IF SOMEDAY HE'S CALLED ON TO TESTIFY AGAINST US IN COURT!
BUT HE'S JUST A DOG! DOGS CAN'T TESTIFY IN COURT!!
ZERBINA, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU! ..I DON'T THINK YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ENOUGH "INSIDE EDITION"!
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GRIFFY
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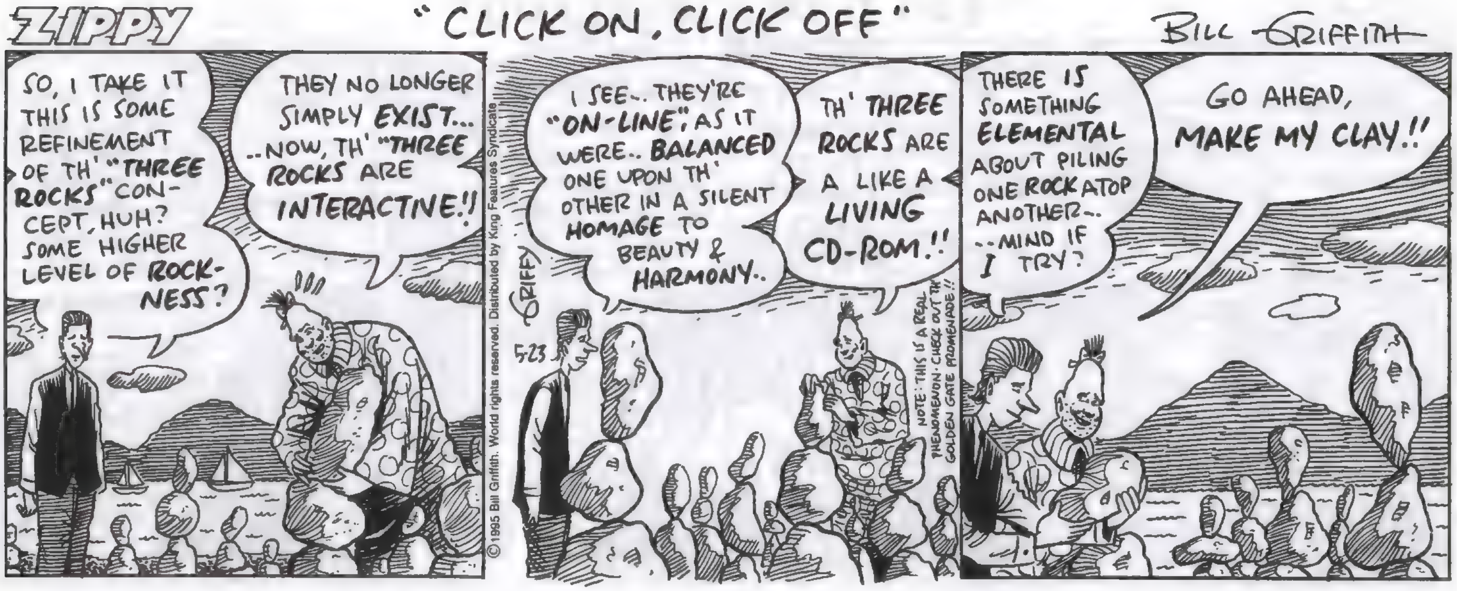
ZIPPY
"CLICK ON, CLICK OFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, I TAKE IT THIS IS SOME REFINEMENT OF TH' "THREE ROCKS" CONCEPT, HUH? SOME HIGHER LEVEL OF ROCKNESS?
THEY NO LONGER SIMPLY EXIST... ..NOW, TH' "THREE ROCKS ARE INTERACTIVE!!
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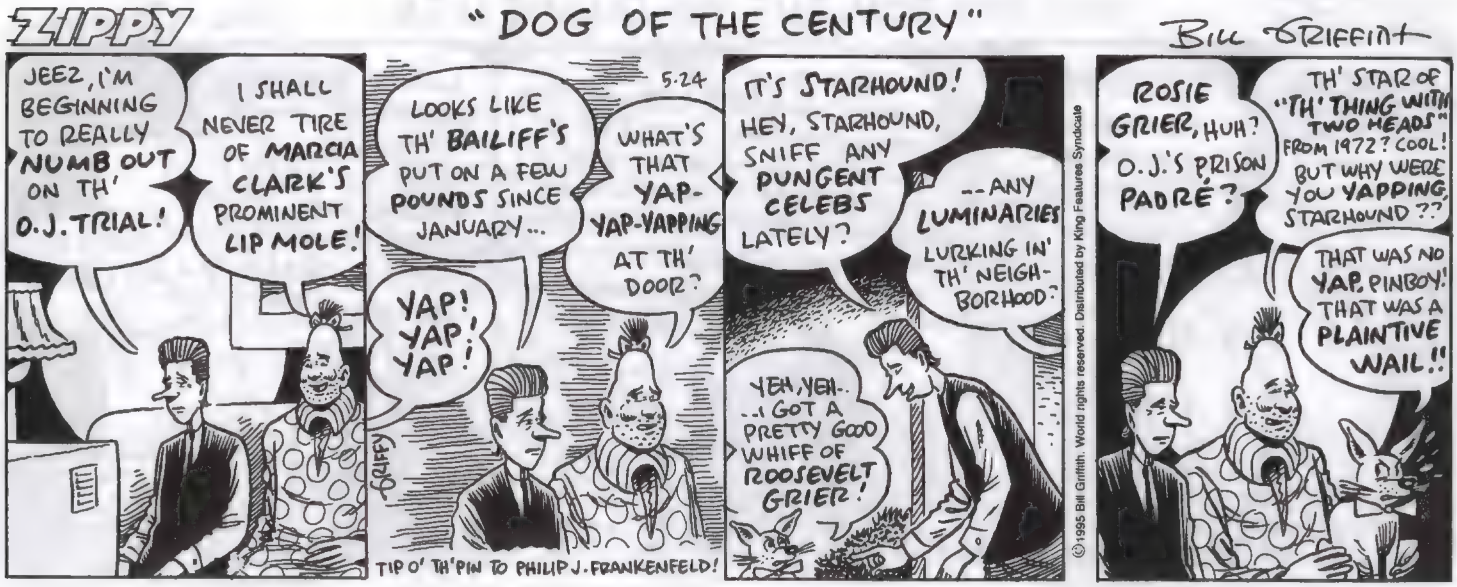
GRIFFY
5-23
I SEE.. THEY'RE "ON-LINE," AS IT WERE.. BALANCED ONE UPON TH' OTHER IN A SILENT HOMAGE TO BEAUTY & HARMONY..
TH' THREE ROCKS ARE A LIKE A LIVING CD-ROM!!
NOTE: THIS IS A REAL PHENOMENON. CHECK OUT TH' GOLDEN GATE PROMENADE!!
THERE IS SOMETHING ELEMENTAL ABOUT PILING ONE ROCK ATOP ANOTHER.. ..MIND IF I TRY?
GO AHEAD, MAKE MY CLAY!!


ZIPPY
"DOG OF THE CENTURY"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, I'M BEGINNING TO REALLY NUMB OUT ON TH' O.J. TRIAL!
I SHALL NEVER TIRE OF MARCIA CLARK'S PROMINENT LIP MOLE!
GRIFFY
5-24
YAP! YAP! YAP!
LOOKS LIKE TH' BAILIFF'S PUT ON A FEW POUNDS SINCE JANUARY...
WHAT'S THAT YAP-YAP-YAPPING AT TH' DOOR?
IT'S STARHOUND! HEY, STARHOUND, SNIFF ANY PUNGENT CELEBS LATELY?
--ANY LUMINARIES LURKING IN' TH' NEIGHBORHOOD?
YEH, YEH.. ..I GOT A PRETTY GOOD WHIFF OF ROOSEVELT GRIER!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO PHILIP J. FRANKENFELD!
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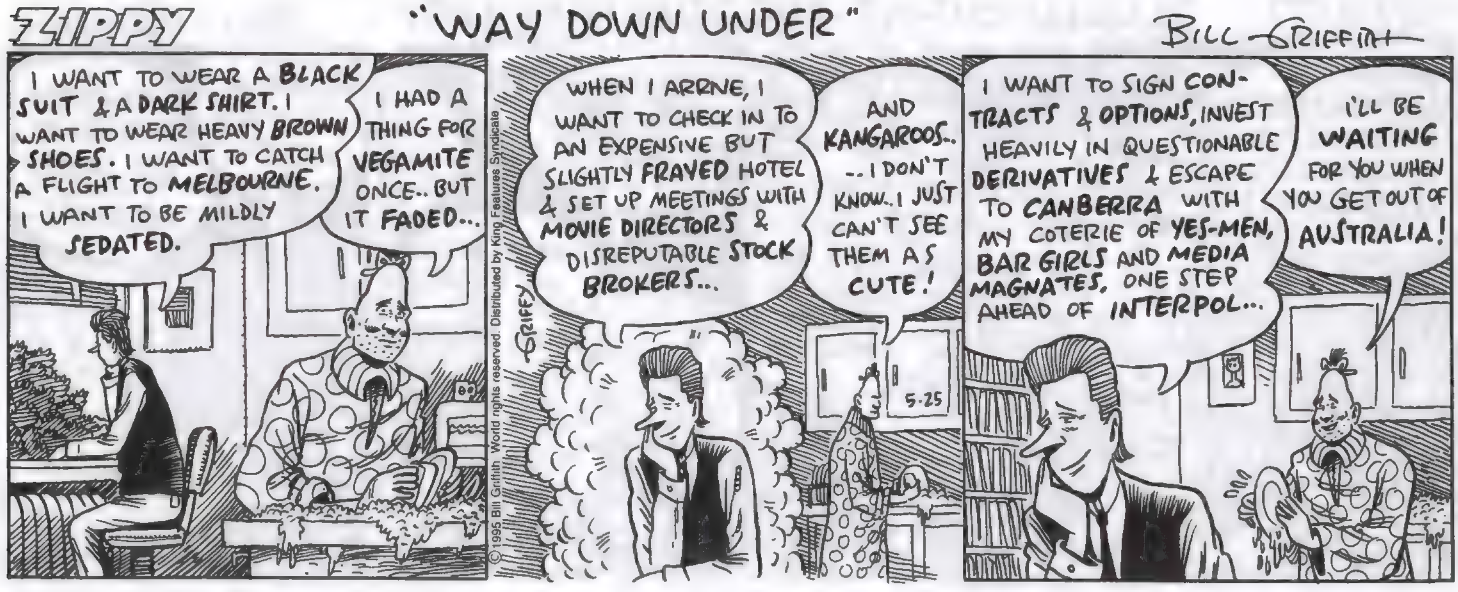
ROSIE GRIER, HUH? O.J.'S PRISON PADRÉ?
TH' STAR OF "TH' THING WITH TWO HEADS" FROM 1972? COOL! BUT WHY WERE YOU YAPPING, STARHOUND??
THAT WAS NO YAP, PINBOY! THAT WAS A PLAINTIVE WAIL!!


ZIPPY
"WAY DOWN UNDER"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WANT TO WEAR A BLACK SUIT & A DARK SHIRT. I WANT TO WEAR HEAVY BROWN SHOES. I WANT TO CATCH A FLIGHT TO MELBOURNE. I WANT TO BE MILDLY SEDATED.
I HAD A THING FOR VEGAMITE ONCE.. BUT IT FADED...
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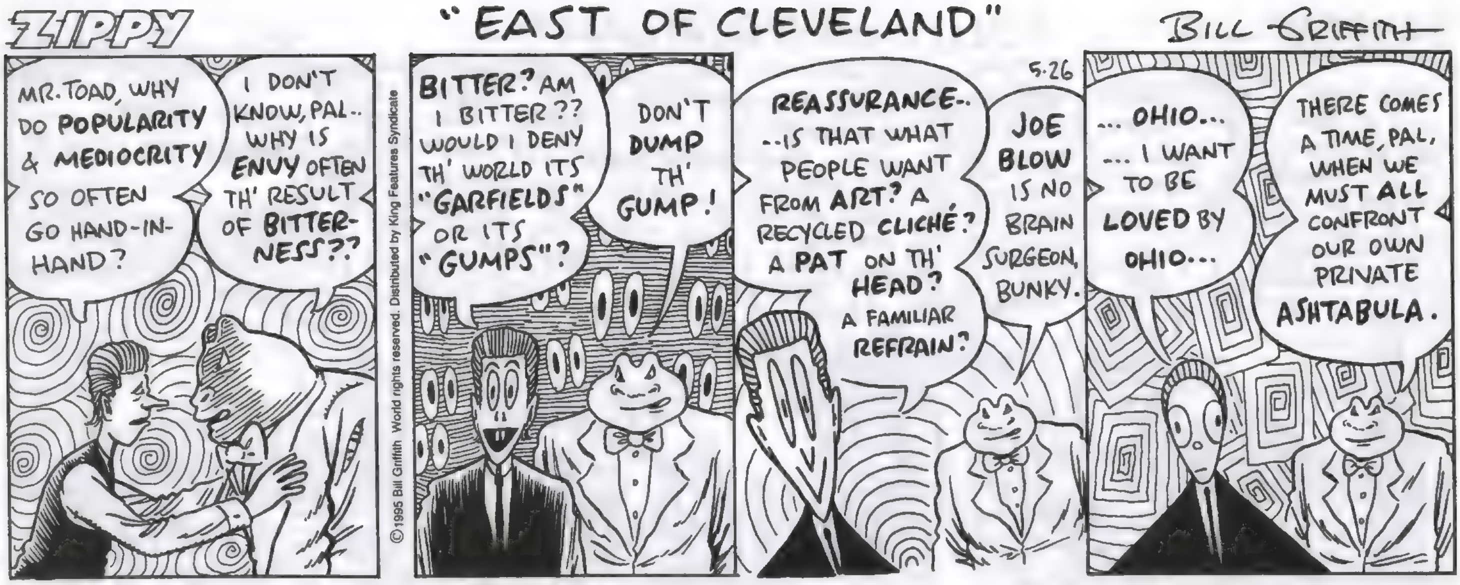
GRIFFY
WHEN I ARRIVE, I WANT TO CHECK IN TO AN EXPENSIVE BUT SLIGHTLY FRAYED HOTEL & SET UP MEETINGS WITH MOVIE DIRECTORS & DISREPUTABLE STOCK BROKERS...
AND KANGAROOS.. ..I DON'T KNOW.. I JUST CAN'T SEE THEM AS CUTE!
5-25
I WANT TO SIGN CONTRACTS & OPTIONS, INVEST HEAVILY IN QUESTIONABLE DERIVATIVES & ESCAPE TO CANBERRA WITH MY COTERIE OF YES-MEN, BAR GIRLS AND MEDIA MAGNATES, ONE STEP AHEAD OF INTERPOL...
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET OUT OF AUSTRALIA!


ZIPPY
"EAST OF CLEVELAND"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, WHY DO **POPULARITY** & **MEDIOCRITY** SO OFTEN GO HAND-IN-HAND?
I DON'T KNOW, PAL.. WHY IS **ENVY** OFTEN TH' RESULT OF **BITTERNESS**??
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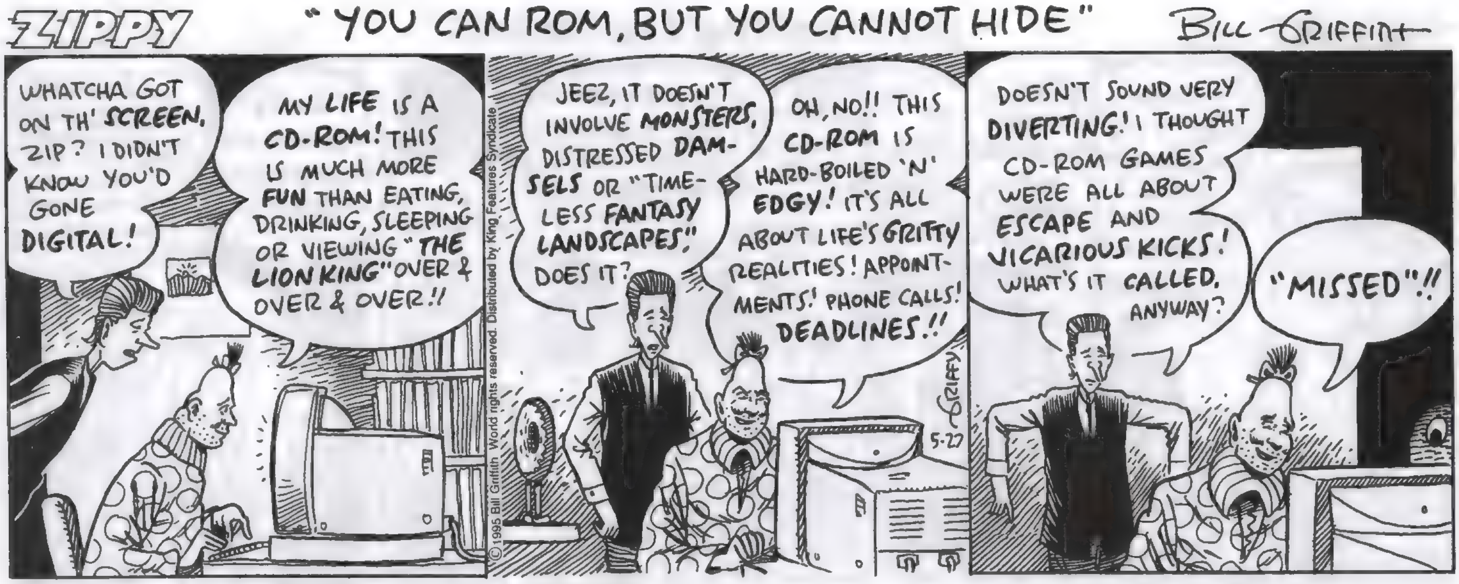
BITTER? AM I BITTER?? WOULD I DENY TH' WORLD ITS "**GARFIELDS**" OR ITS "**GUMPS**"?
DON'T **DUMP** TH' **GUMP**!
5-26
REASSURANCE.. ..IS THAT WHAT PEOPLE WANT FROM **ART**? A RECYCLED **CLICHÉ**? A **PAT** ON TH' **HEAD**? A FAMILIAR **REFRAIN**?
JOE BLOW IS NO BRAIN SURGEON, BUNKY.
... **OHIO**... ... I WANT TO BE **LOVED** BY **OHIO**...
THERE COMES A TIME, PAL, WHEN WE MUST **ALL** CONFRONT OUR OWN PRIVATE **ASHTABULA**.


ZIPPY
"YOU CAN ROM, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHATCHA GOT ON TH' **SCREEN**, ZIP? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D GONE **DIGITAL**!
MY **LIFE** IS A **CD-ROM**! THIS IS MUCH MORE **FUN** THAN EATING, DRINKING, SLEEPING OR VIEWING "**THE LION KING**" OVER & OVER & OVER!!
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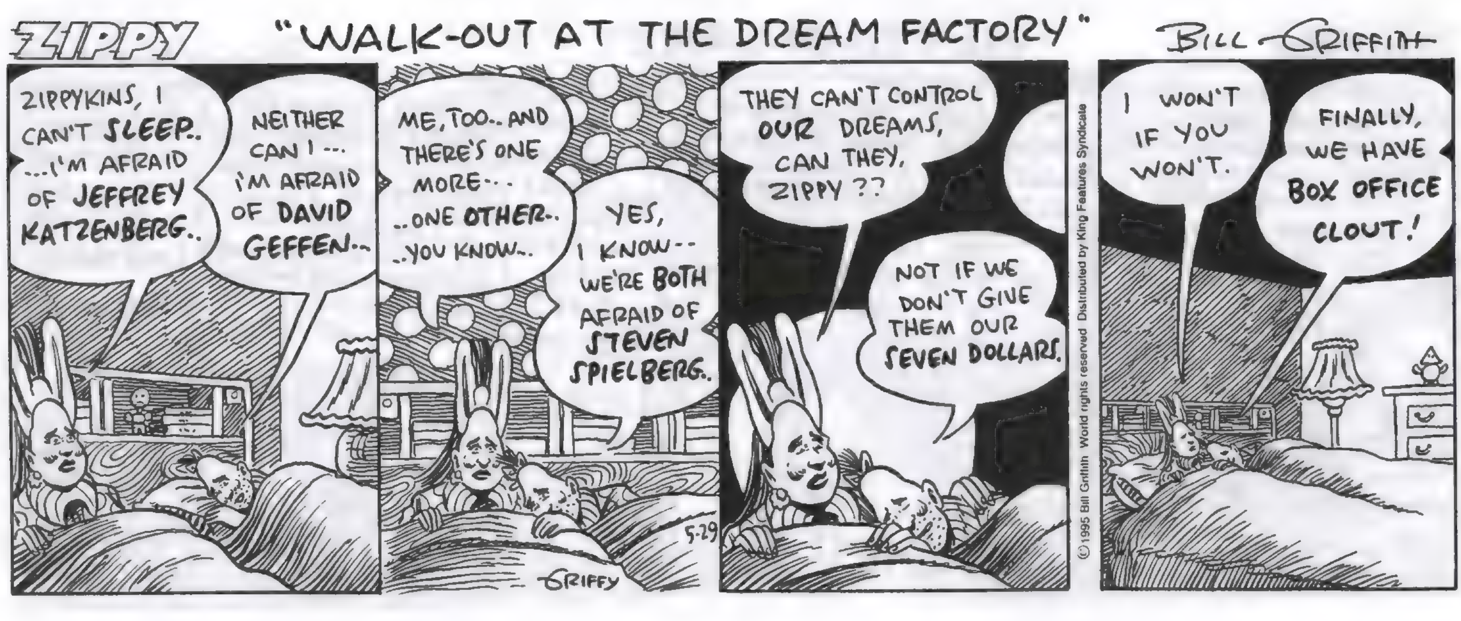
JEEZ, IT DOESN'T INVOLVE **MONSTERS**, DISTRESSED **DAMSELS** OR "TIMELESS **FANTASY LANDSCAPES**," DOES IT?
OH, NO!! THIS **CD-ROM** IS HARD-BOILED 'N' **EDGY**! IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFE'S **GRITTY** REALITIES! APPOINTMENTS! PHONE CALLS! **DEADLINES**!!
GRIFFY
5-27
DOESN'T SOUND VERY **DIVERTING**! I THOUGHT CD-ROM GAMES WERE ALL ABOUT **ESCAPE** AND **VICARIOUS KICKS**! WHAT'S IT **CALLED**, ANYWAY?
"**MISSED**"!!


ZIPPY
"WALK-OUT AT THE DREAM FACTORY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, I CAN'T **SLEEP**.. ...I'M AFRAID OF **JEFFREY KATZENBERG**..
NEITHER CAN I --- I'M AFRAID OF **DAVID GEFFEN**..
ME, TOO.. AND THERE'S ONE MORE... ..ONE **OTHER**.. ..YOU KNOW..
YES, I KNOW-- WE'RE **BOTH** AFRAID OF **STEVEN SPIELBERG**..
5-29
GRIFFY
THEY CAN'T CONTROL **OUR** DREAMS, CAN THEY, ZIPPY??
NOT IF WE DON'T GIVE THEM OUR **SEVEN DOLLARS**.
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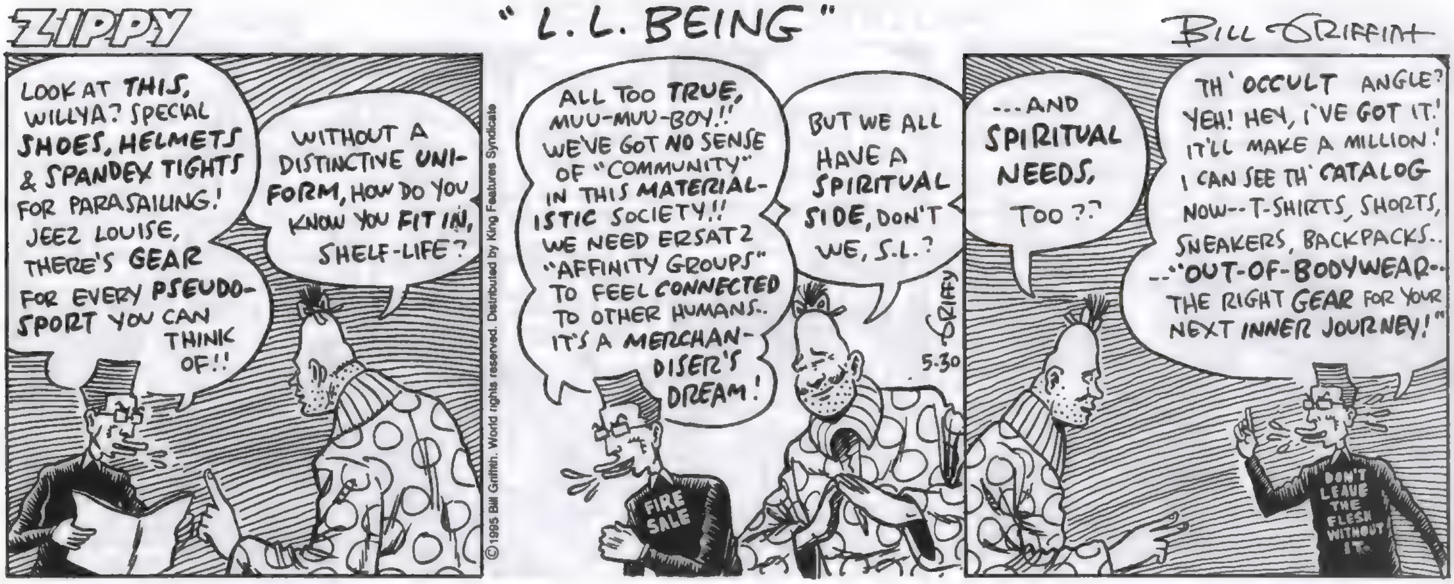
I WON'T IF YOU WON'T.
FINALLY, WE HAVE **BOX OFFICE CLOUT**!


ZIPPY
"L.L. BEING"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK AT THIS, WILLYA? SPECIAL SHOES, HELMETS & SPANDEX TIGHTS FOR PARASAILING! JEEZ LOUISE, THERE'S GEAR FOR EVERY PSEUDO-SPORT YOU CAN THINK OF!!
WITHOUT A DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM, HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU FIT IN, SHELF-LIFE?
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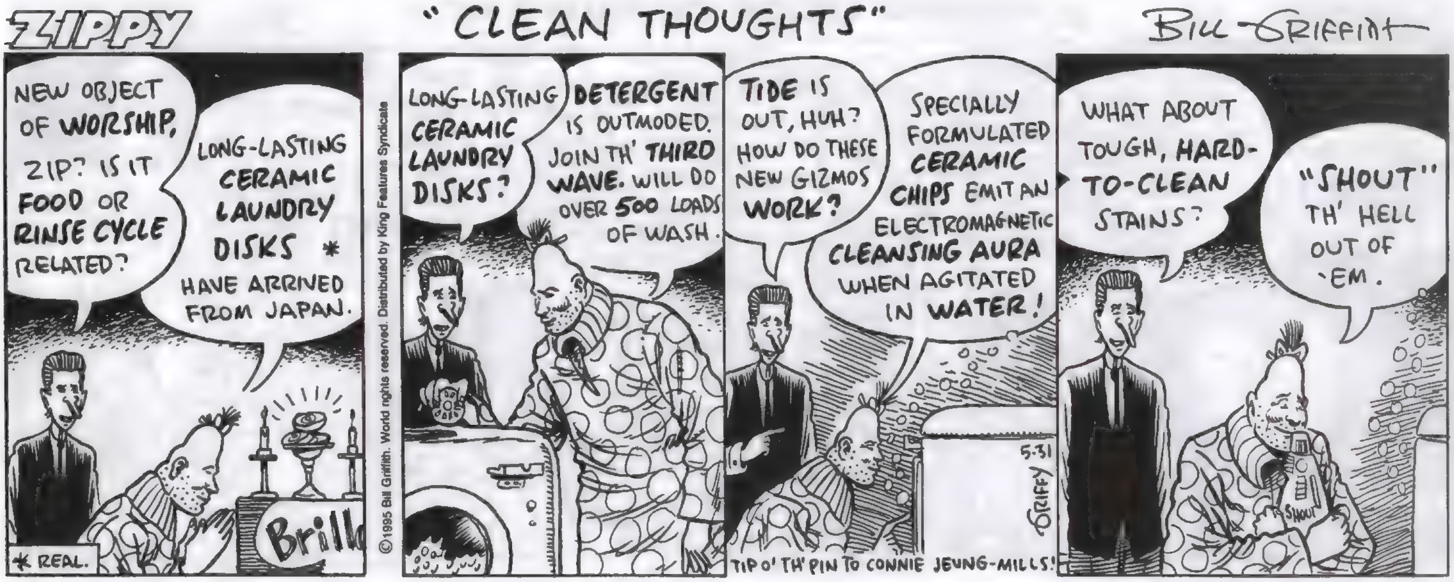
ALL TOO TRUE, MUU-MUU-BOY!! WE'VE GOT NO SENSE OF "COMMUNITY" IN THIS MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY!! WE NEED ERSATZ "AFFINITY GROUPS" TO FEEL CONNECTED TO OTHER HUMANS.. IT'S A MERCHANDISER'S DREAM!
BUT WE ALL HAVE A SPIRITUAL SIDE, DON'T WE, S.L.?
GRIFFY
5-30
FIRE SALE
...AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS, TOO??
TH' OCCULT ANGLE? YEH! HEY, I'VE GOT IT! IT'LL MAKE A MILLION! I CAN SEE TH' CATALOG NOW--T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, SNEAKERS, BACKPACKS.. --"OUT-OF-BODYWEAR--THE RIGHT GEAR FOR YOUR NEXT INNER JOURNEY!"
DON'T LEAVE THE FLESH WITHOUT IT.


ZIPPY
"CLEAN THOUGHTS"
BILL GRIFFITH
NEW OBJECT OF WORSHIP, ZIP? IS IT FOOD OR RINSE CYCLE RELATED?
LONG-LASTING CERAMIC LAUNDRY DISKS * HAVE ARRIVED FROM JAPAN.
Brillo
* REAL.
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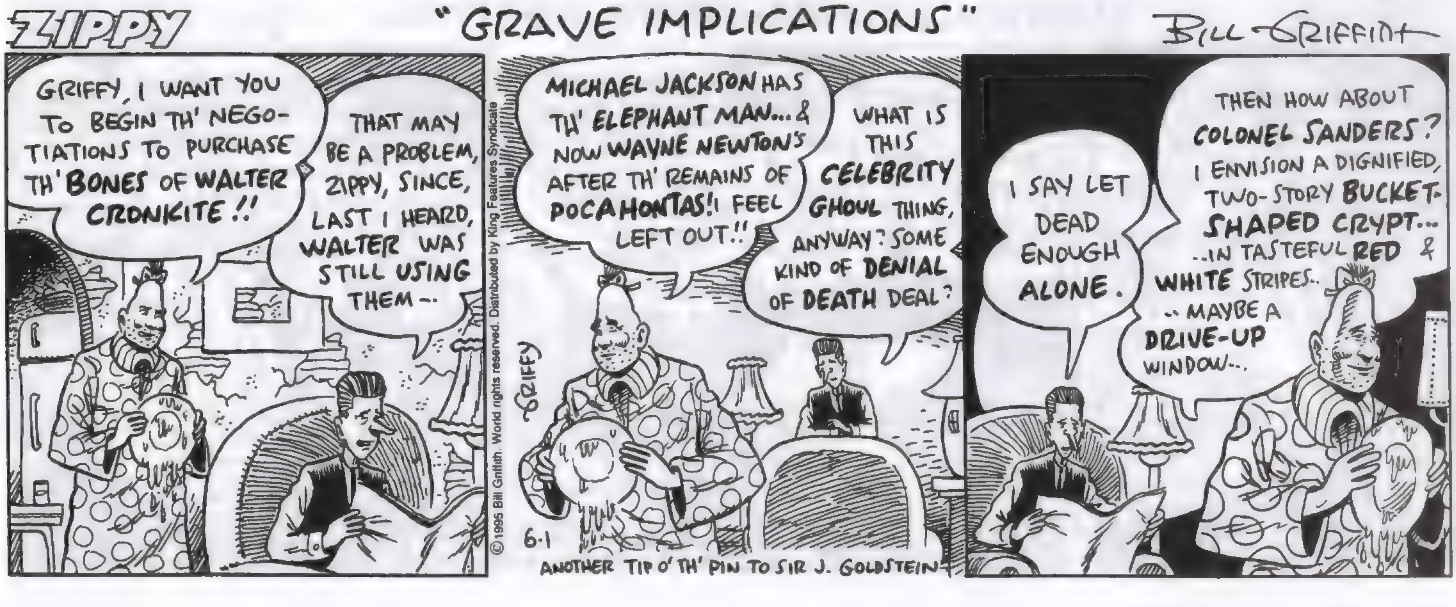
LONG-LASTING CERAMIC LAUNDRY DISKS?
DETERGENT IS OUTMODED. JOIN TH' THIRD WAVE. WILL DO OVER 500 LOADS OF WASH.
TIDE IS OUT, HUH? HOW DO THESE NEW GIZMOS WORK?
SPECIALLY FORMULATED CERAMIC CHIPS EMIT AN ELECTROMAGNETIC CLEANSING AURA WHEN AGITATED IN WATER!
5-31
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO CONNIE JEUNG-MILLS!
WHAT ABOUT TOUGH, HARD-TO-CLEAN STAINS?
"SHOUT" TH' HELL OUT OF 'EM.
SHOUT


ZIPPY
"GRAVE IMPLICATIONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, I WANT YOU TO BEGIN TH' NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE TH' BONES OF WALTER CRONKITE!!
THAT MAY BE A PROBLEM, ZIPPY, SINCE, LAST I HEARD, WALTER WAS STILL USING THEM--
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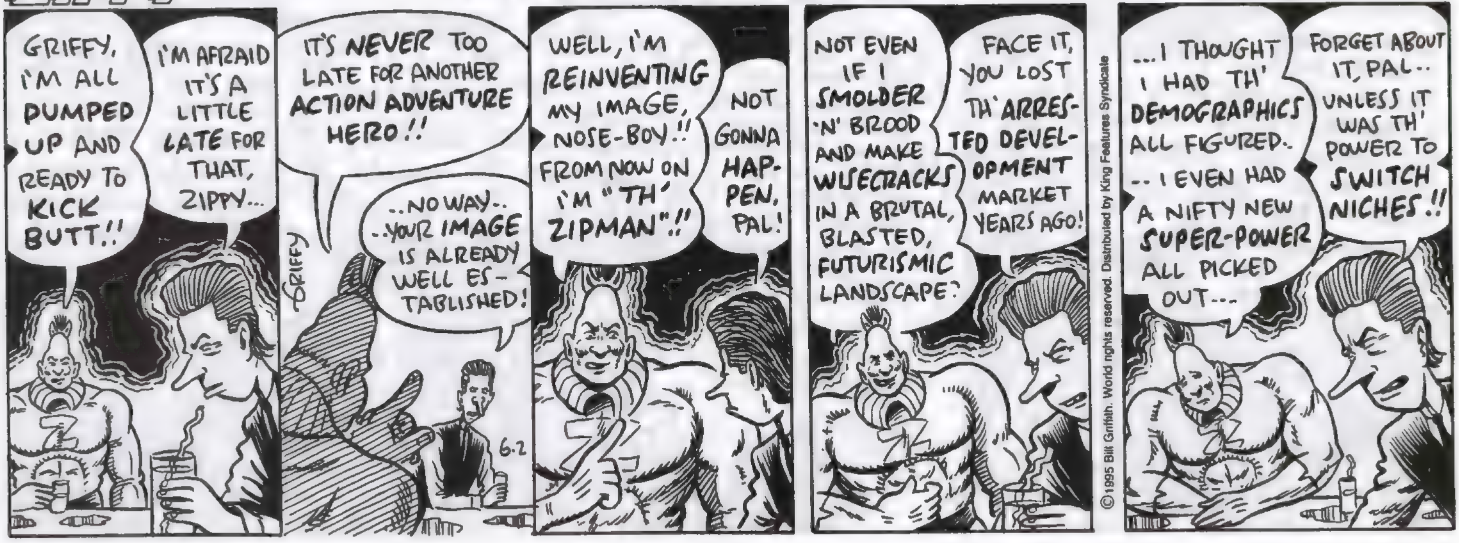
MICHAEL JACKSON HAS TH' ELEPHANT MAN...& NOW WAYNE NEWTON'S AFTER TH' REMAINS OF POCAHONTAS!! I FEEL LEFT OUT!!
WHAT IS THIS CELEBRITY GHOUL THING, ANYWAY? SOME KIND OF DENIAL OF DEATH DEAL?
GRIFFY
6-1
ANOTHER TIP O' TH' PIN TO SIR J. GOLDSTEIN
I SAY LET DEAD ENOUGH ALONE.
THEN HOW ABOUT COLONEL SANDERS? I ENVISION A DIGNIFIED, TWO-STORY BUCKET-SHAPED CRYPT... ..IN TASTEFUL RED & WHITE STRIPES.. ..MAYBE A DRIVE-UP WINDOW...

ZIPPY "MUSCLE HUSTLER" BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY, I'M ALL PUMPED UP AND READY TO KICK BUTT!!
I'M AFRAID IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT, ZIPPY...
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR ANOTHER ACTION ADVENTURE HERO!!
..NO WAY.. ..YOUR IMAGE IS ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED!
GRIFFY
6-2
WELL, I'M REINVENTING MY IMAGE, NOSE-BOY!! FROM NOW ON I'M "TH' ZIPMAN"!!
NOT GONNA HAPPEN, PAL!
NOT EVEN IF I SMOLDER 'N' BROOD AND MAKE WISECRACKS IN A BRUTAL, BLASTED, FUTURISMIC LANDSCAPE?
FACE IT, YOU LOST TH' ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT MARKET YEARS AGO!
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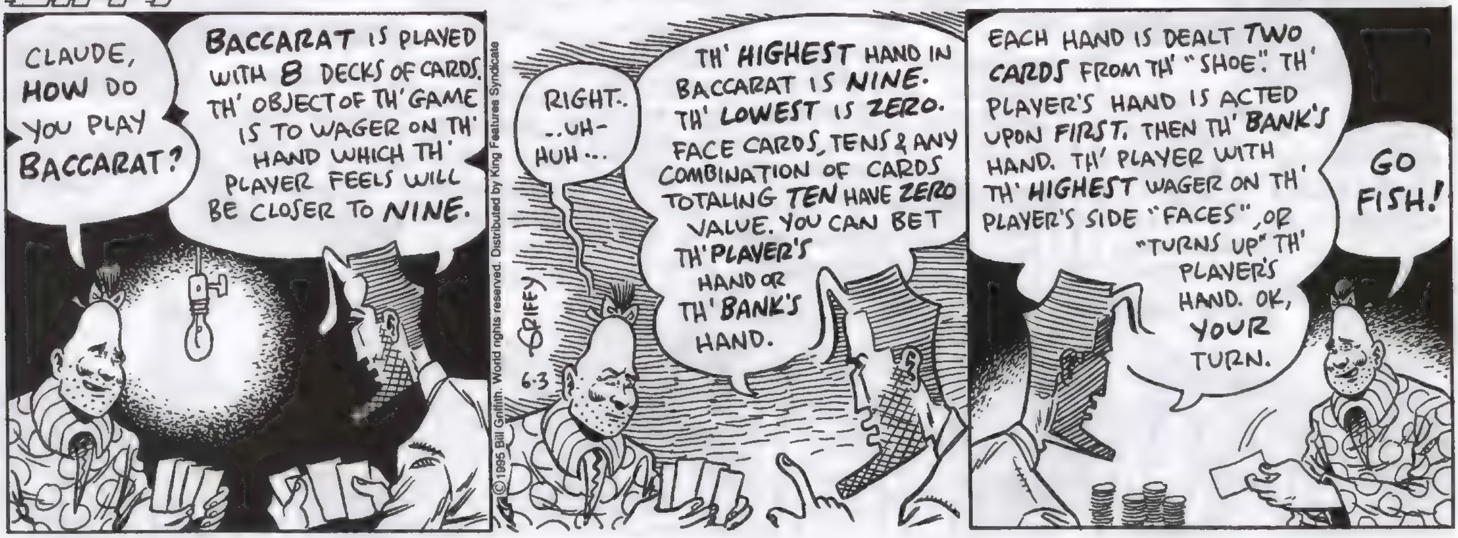
...I THOUGHT I HAD TH' DEMOGRAPHICS ALL FIGURED.. ..I EVEN HAD A NIFTY NEW SUPER-POWER ALL PICKED OUT...
FORGET ABOUT IT, PAL.. UNLESS IT WAS TH' POWER TO SWITCH NICHES!!

ZIPPY "KNOWIN' WHEN TO FOLD 'EM" BILL GRIFFITH


CLAUDE, HOW DO YOU PLAY BACCARAT?
BACCARAT IS PLAYED WITH 8 DECKS OF CARDS. TH' OBJECT OF TH' GAME IS TO WAGER ON TH' HAND WHICH TH' PLAYER FEELS WILL BE CLOSER TO NINE.
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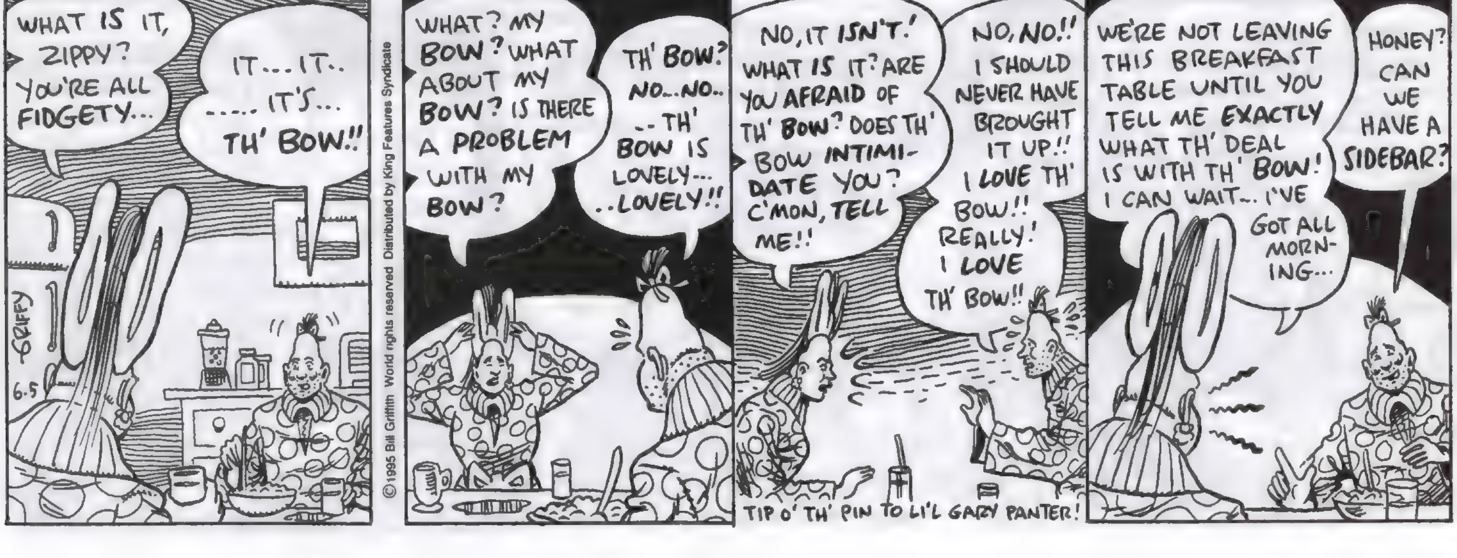
RIGHT.. ..UH-HUH...
TH' HIGHEST HAND IN BACCARAT IS NINE. TH' LOWEST IS ZERO. FACE CARDS, TENS & ANY COMBINATION OF CARDS TOTALING TEN HAVE ZERO VALUE. YOU CAN BET TH' PLAYER'S HAND OR TH' BANK'S HAND.
GRIFFY
6-3
EACH HAND IS DEALT TWO CARDS FROM TH' "SHOE". TH' PLAYER'S HAND IS ACTED UPON FIRST, THEN TH' BANK'S HAND. TH' PLAYER WITH TH' HIGHEST WAGER ON TH' PLAYER'S SIDE "FACES", OR "TURNS UP" TH' PLAYER'S HAND. OK, YOUR TURN.
GO FISH!

ZIPPY "OVERRULED, ANSWER THE QUESTION" BILL GRIFFITH


WHAT IS IT, ZIPPY? YOU'RE ALL FIDGETY...
IT... IT.. ..... IT'S... TH' BOW!!
GRIFFY
6-5
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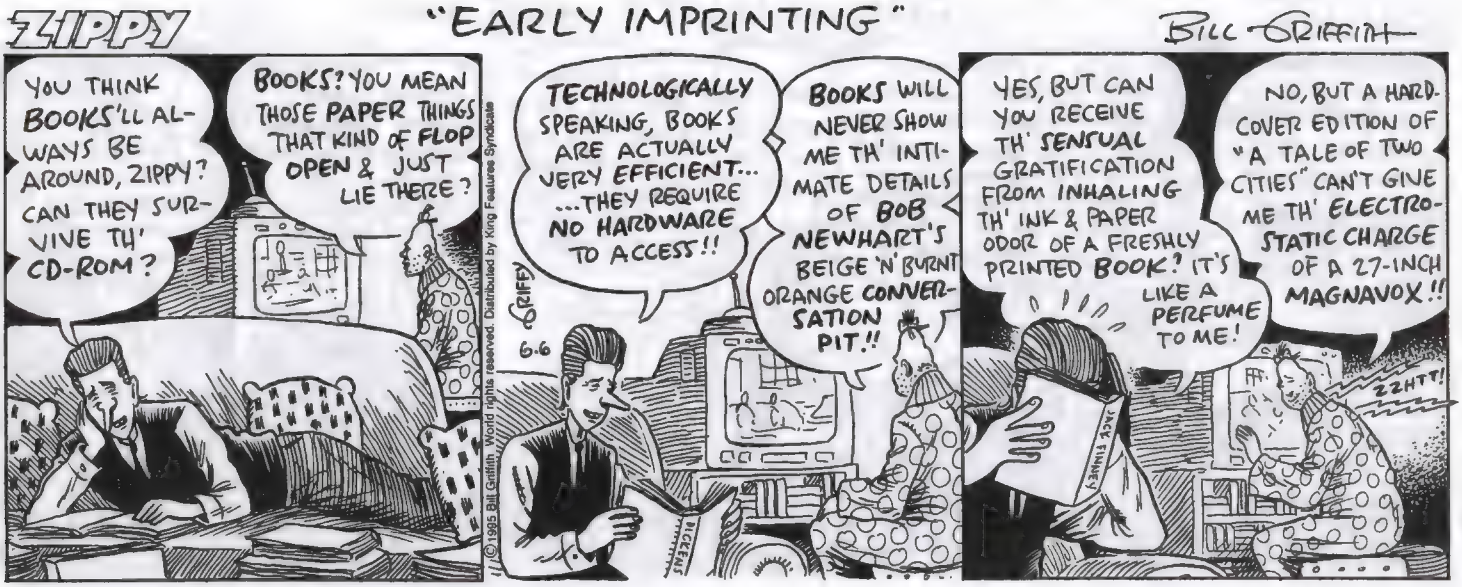
WHAT? MY BOW? WHAT ABOUT MY BOW? IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH MY BOW?
TH' BOW? NO...NO.. ..TH' BOW IS LOVELY... ..LOVELY!!
NO, IT ISN'T! WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU AFRAID OF TH' BOW? DOES TH' BOW INTIMIDATE YOU? C'MON, TELL ME!!
NO, NO!! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT IT UP!! I LOVE TH' BOW!! REALLY! I LOVE TH' BOW!!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO LI'L GARY PANTER!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING THIS BREAKFAST TABLE UNTIL YOU TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT TH' DEAL IS WITH TH' BOW! I CAN WAIT.. I'VE GOT ALL MORNING...
HONEY? CAN WE HAVE A SIDEBAR?


ZIPPY
"EARLY IMPRINTING"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU THINK BOOKS'LL ALWAYS BE AROUND, ZIPPY? CAN THEY SURVIVE TH' CD-ROM?
BOOKS? YOU MEAN THOSE PAPER THINGS THAT KIND OF FLOP OPEN & JUST LIE THERE?
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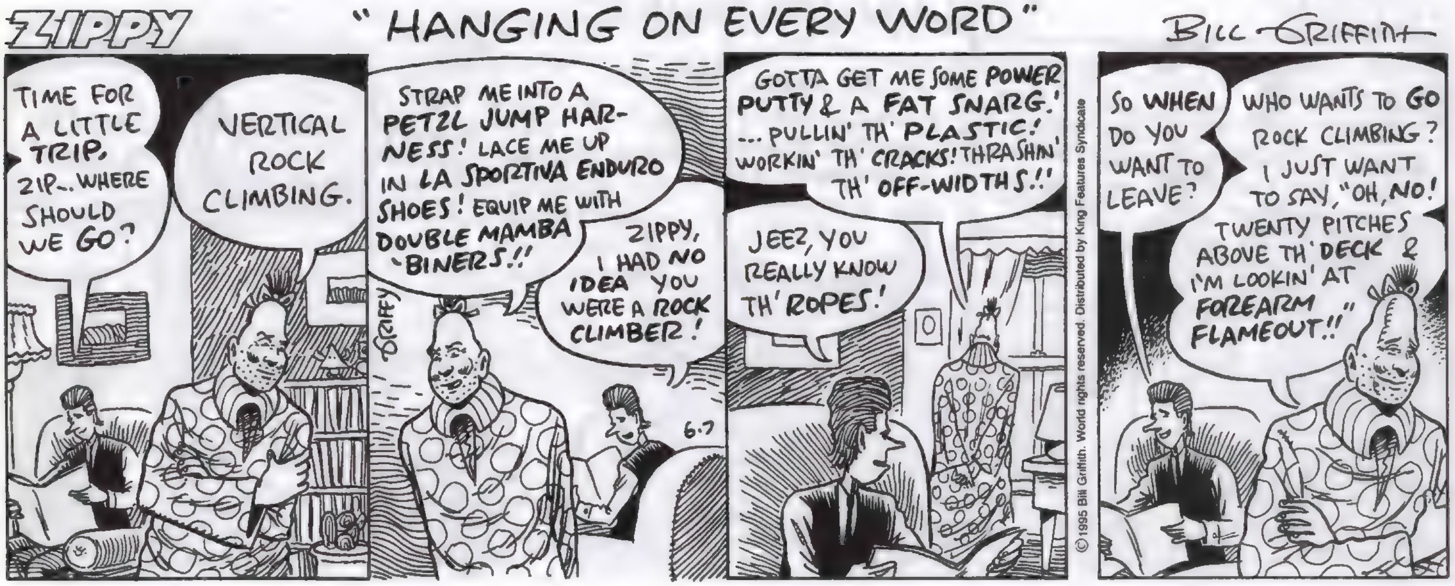
TECHNOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, BOOKS ARE ACTUALLY VERY EFFICIENT... ...THEY REQUIRE NO HARDWARE TO ACCESS!!
BOOKS WILL NEVER SHOW ME TH' INTIMATE DETAILS OF BOB NEWHART'S BEIGE 'N' BURNT ORANGE CONVERSATION PIT!!
GRIFFY
6-6
YES, BUT CAN YOU RECEIVE TH' SENSUAL GRATIFICATION FROM INHALING TH' INK & PAPER ODOR OF A FRESHLY PRINTED BOOK? IT'S LIKE A PERFUME TO ME!
NO, BUT A HARDCOVER EDITION OF "A TALE OF TWO CITIES" CAN'T GIVE ME TH' ELECTROSTATIC CHARGE OF A 27-INCH MAGNAVOX!!
ZZHTT!


ZIPPY
"HANGING ON EVERY WORD"
BILL GRIFFITH
TIME FOR A LITTLE TRIP, ZIP... WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
VERTICAL ROCK CLIMBING.
STRAP ME INTO A PETZL JUMP HARNESS! LACE ME UP IN LA SPORTIVA ENDURO SHOES! EQUIP ME WITH DOUBLE MAMBA 'BINERS!!
ZIPPY, I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE A ROCK CLIMBER!
GRIFFY
6-7
GOTTA GET ME SOME POWER PUTTY & A FAT SNARG! ... PULLIN' TH' PLASTIC! WORKIN' TH' CRACKS! THRASHIN' TH' OFF-WIDTHS!!
JEEZ, YOU REALLY KNOW TH' ROPES!
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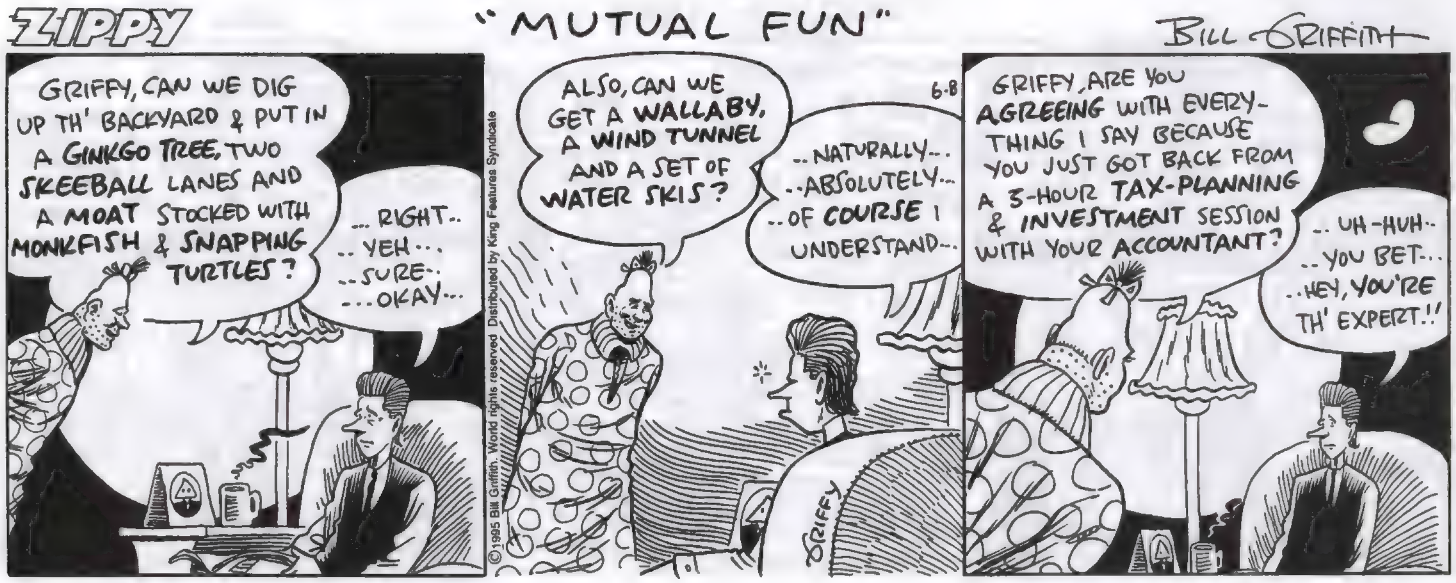
SO WHEN DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE?
WHO WANTS TO GO ROCK CLIMBING? I JUST WANT TO SAY, "OH, NO! TWENTY PITCHES ABOVE TH' DECK & I'M LOOKIN' AT FOREARM FLAMEOUT!!"


ZIPPY
"MUTUAL FUN"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, CAN WE DIG UP TH' BACKYARD & PUT IN A GINKGO TREE, TWO SKEEBALL LANES AND A MOAT STOCKED WITH MONKFISH & SNAPPING TURTLES?
... RIGHT.. .. YEH... ..SURE.. ...OKAY...
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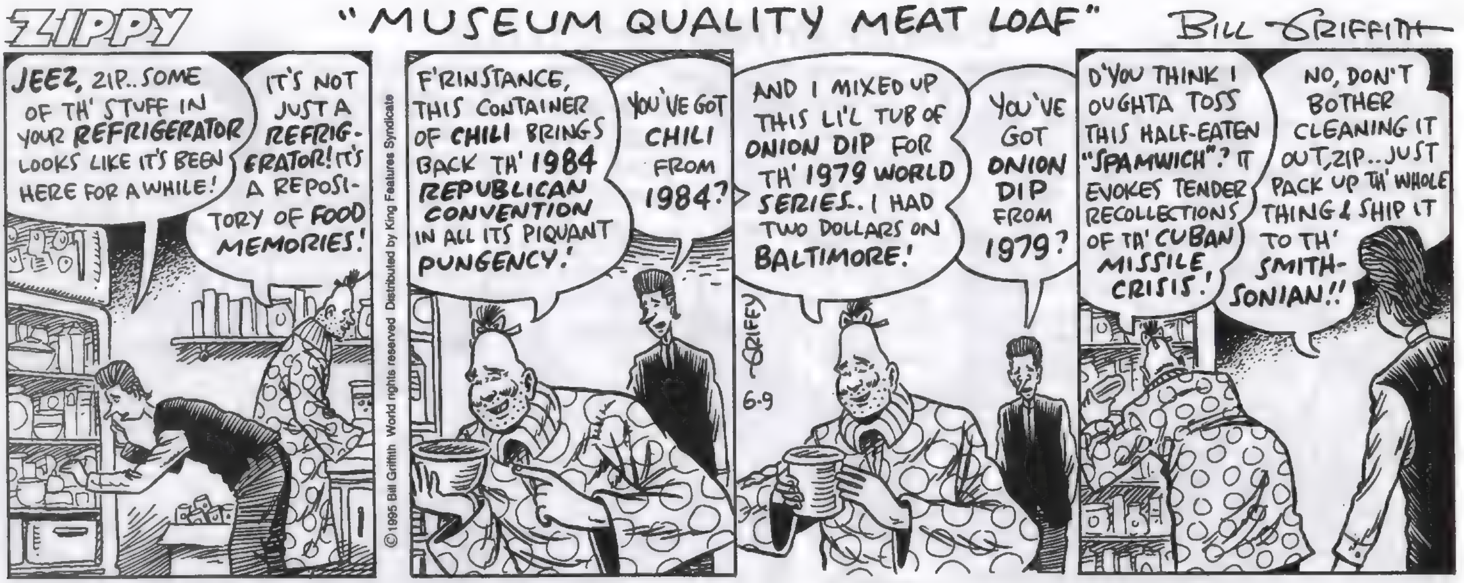
ALSO, CAN WE GET A WALLABY, A WIND TUNNEL AND A SET OF WATER SKIS?
6-8
..NATURALLY.. ..ABSOLUTELY.. ..OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND...
GRIFFY
GRIFFY, ARE YOU AGREEING WITH EVERYTHING I SAY BECAUSE YOU JUST GOT BACK FROM A 3-HOUR TAX-PLANNING & INVESTMENT SESSION WITH YOUR ACCOUNTANT?
.. UH-HUH.. ..YOU BET... ..HEY, YOU'RE TH' EXPERT!!


ZIPPY
"MUSEUM QUALITY MEAT LOAF"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, ZIP.. SOME OF TH' STUFF IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE!
IT'S NOT JUST A REFRIGERATOR! IT'S A REPOSITORY OF FOOD MEMORIES!
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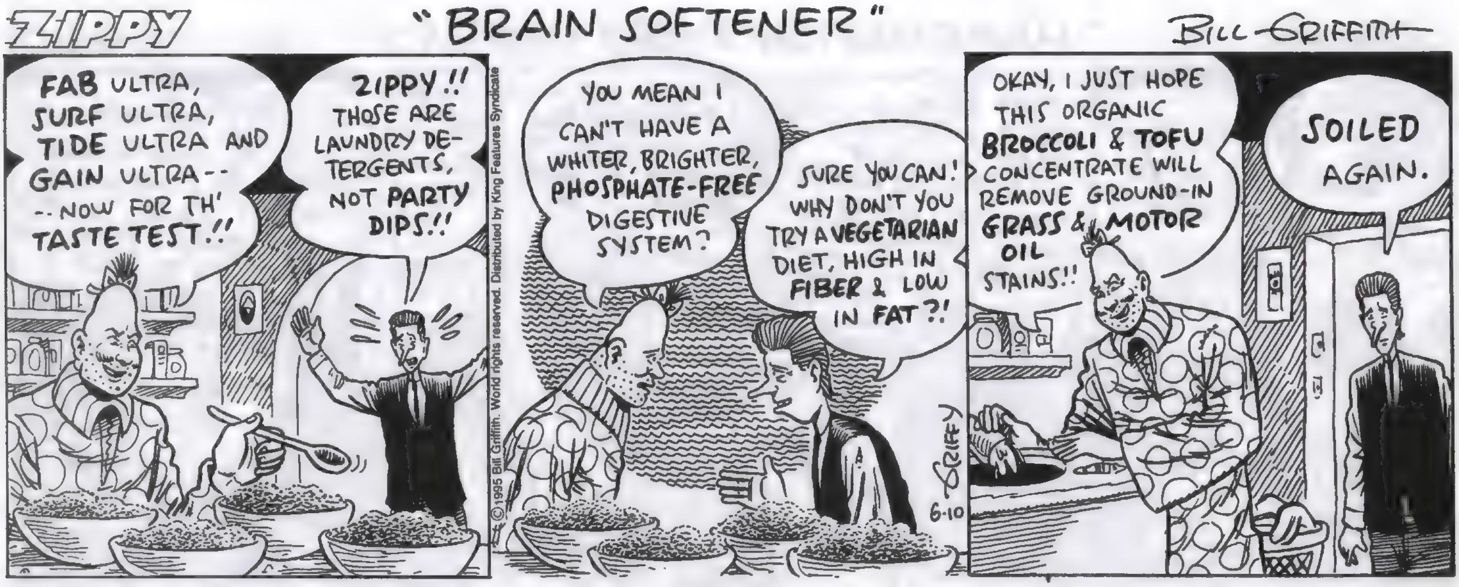
F'RINSTANCE, THIS CONTAINER OF CHILI BRINGS BACK TH' 1984 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN ALL ITS PIQUANT PUNGENCY!
YOU'VE GOT CHILI FROM 1984?
GRIFFY
6-9
AND I MIXED UP THIS LI'L TUB OF ONION DIP FOR TH' 1979 WORLD SERIES.. I HAD TWO DOLLARS ON BALTIMORE!
YOU'VE GOT ONION DIP FROM 1979?
D'YOU THINK I OUGHTA TOSS THIS HALF-EATEN "SPAMWICH"? IT EVOKES TENDER RECOLLECTIONS OF TH' CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS!
NO, DON'T BOTHER CLEANING IT OUT, ZIP.. JUST PACK UP TH' WHOLE THING & SHIP IT TO TH' SMITHSONIAN!!


ZIPPY
"BRAIN SOFTENER"
BILL GRIFFITH
FAB ULTRA, SURF ULTRA, TIDE ULTRA AND GAIN ULTRA-- --NOW FOR TH' TASTE TEST!!
ZIPPY!! THOSE ARE LAUNDRY DETERGENTS, NOT PARTY DIPS!!
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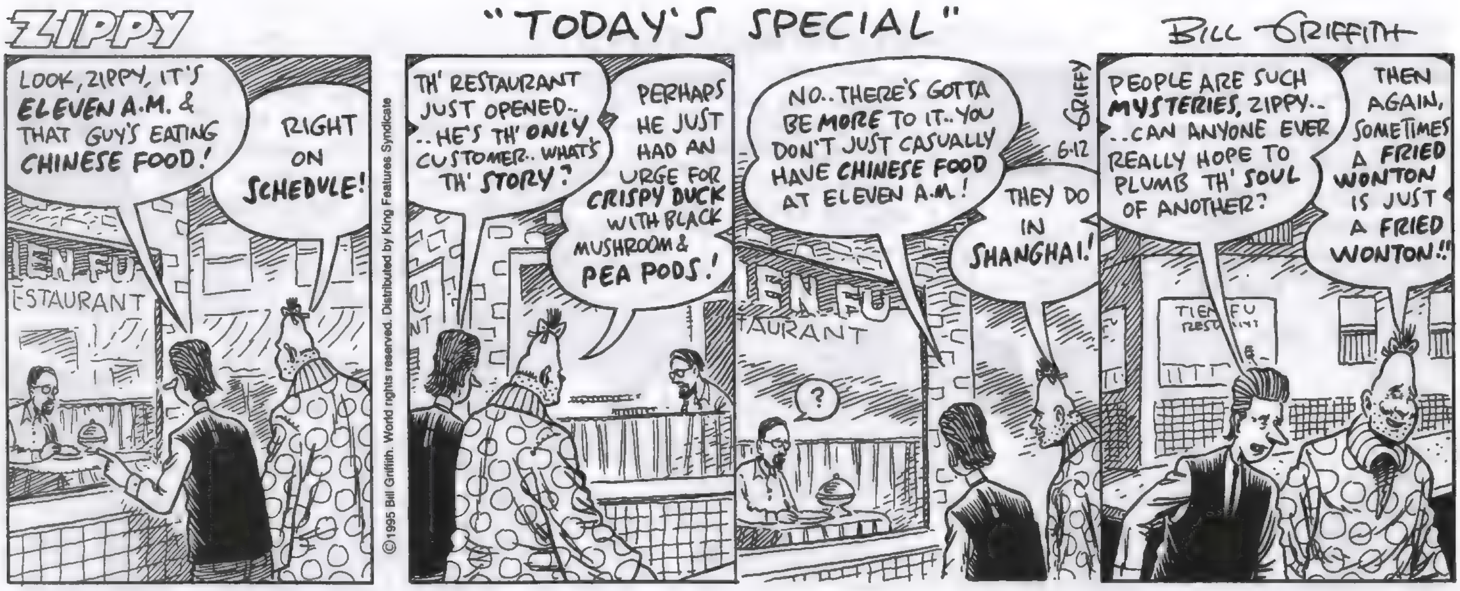
YOU MEAN I CAN'T HAVE A WHITER, BRIGHTER, PHOSPHATE-FREE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM?
SURE YOU CAN! WHY DON'T YOU TRY A VEGETARIAN DIET, HIGH IN FIBER & LOW IN FAT?!
GRIFFY
6-10
OKAY, I JUST HOPE THIS ORGANIC BROCCOLI & TOFU CONCENTRATE WILL REMOVE GROUND-IN GRASS & MOTOR OIL STAINS!!
SOILED AGAIN.


ZIPPY
"TODAY'S SPECIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, ZIPPY, IT'S ELEVEN A.M. & THAT GUY'S EATING CHINESE FOOD!
RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
EN FU
ESTAURANT
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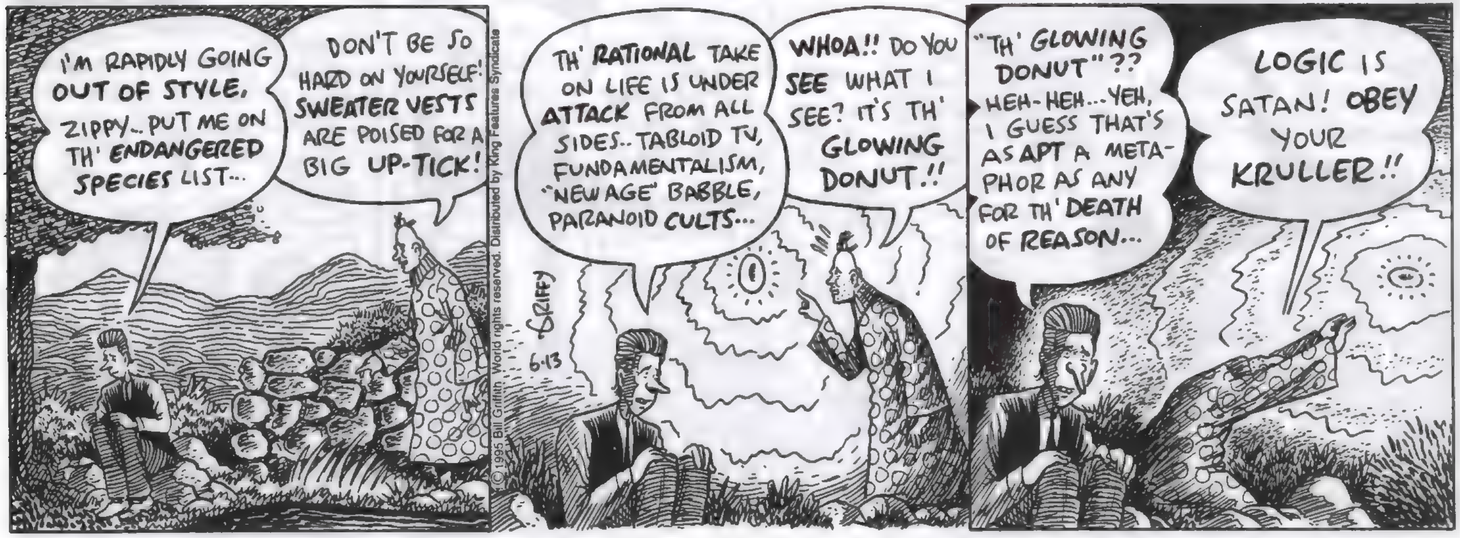
TH' RESTAURANT JUST OPENED.. ..HE'S TH' ONLY CUSTOMER.. WHAT'S TH' STORY?
PERHAPS HE JUST HAD AN URGE FOR CRISPY DUCK WITH BLACK MUSHROOM & PEA PODS!
NO.. THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE TO IT.. YOU DON'T JUST CASUALLY HAVE CHINESE FOOD AT ELEVEN A.M.!
GRIFFY
6-12
THEY DO IN SHANGHAI!
EN FU
TAURANT
?
PEOPLE ARE SUCH MYSTERIES, ZIPPY.. ..CAN ANYONE EVER REALLY HOPE TO PLUMB TH' SOUL OF ANOTHER?
THEN AGAIN, SOMETIMES A FRIED WONTON IS JUST A FRIED WONTON!!
TIEN FU RESTAURANT

ZIPPY "GLAZED AND AMAZED" BILL GRIFFITH


I'M RAPIDLY GOING OUT OF STYLE, ZIPPY... PUT ME ON TH' ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST...
DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF! SWEATER VESTS ARE POISED FOR A BIG UP-TICK!
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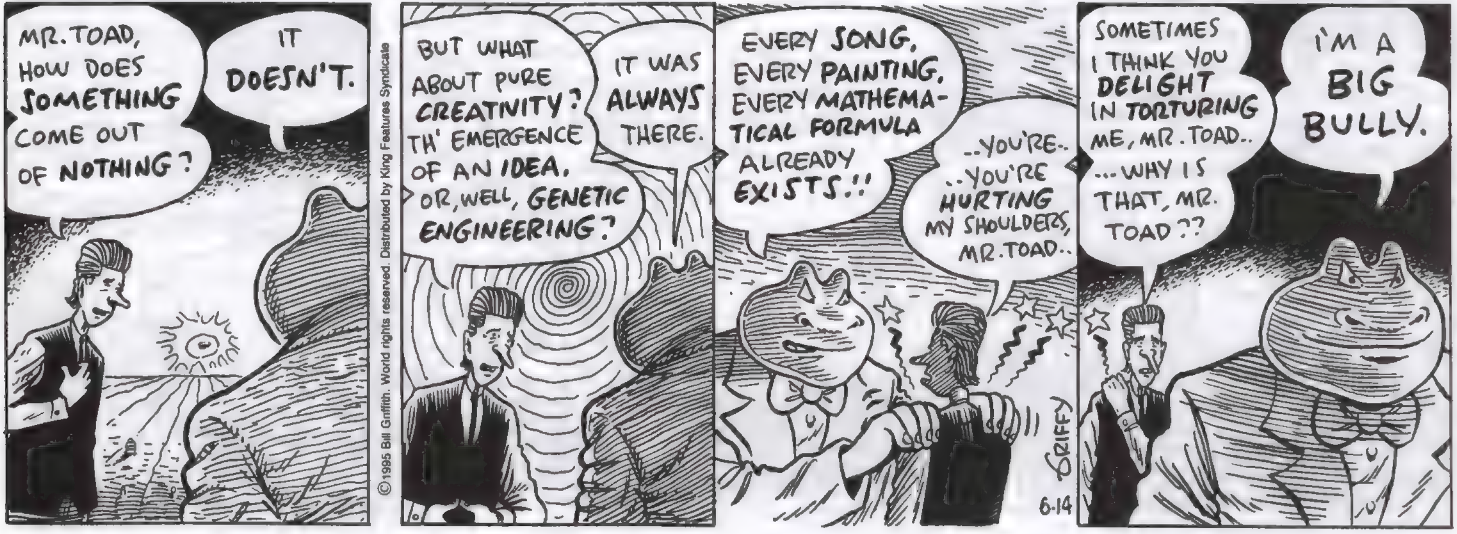
GRIFFY 6-13
TH' RATIONAL TAKE ON LIFE IS UNDER ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES.. TABLOID TV, FUNDAMENTALISM, "NEW AGE" BABBLE, PARANOID CULTS...
WHOA!! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? IT'S TH' GLOWING DONUT!!
"TH' GLOWING DONUT"?? HEH-HEH... YEH, I GUESS THAT'S AS APT A METAPHOR AS ANY FOR TH' DEATH OF REASON...
LOGIC IS SATAN! OBEY YOUR KRULLER!!

ZIPPY "NOTHING OUT OF SOMETHING" BILL GRIFFITH


MR. TOAD, HOW DOES SOMETHING COME OUT OF NOTHING?
IT DOESN'T.
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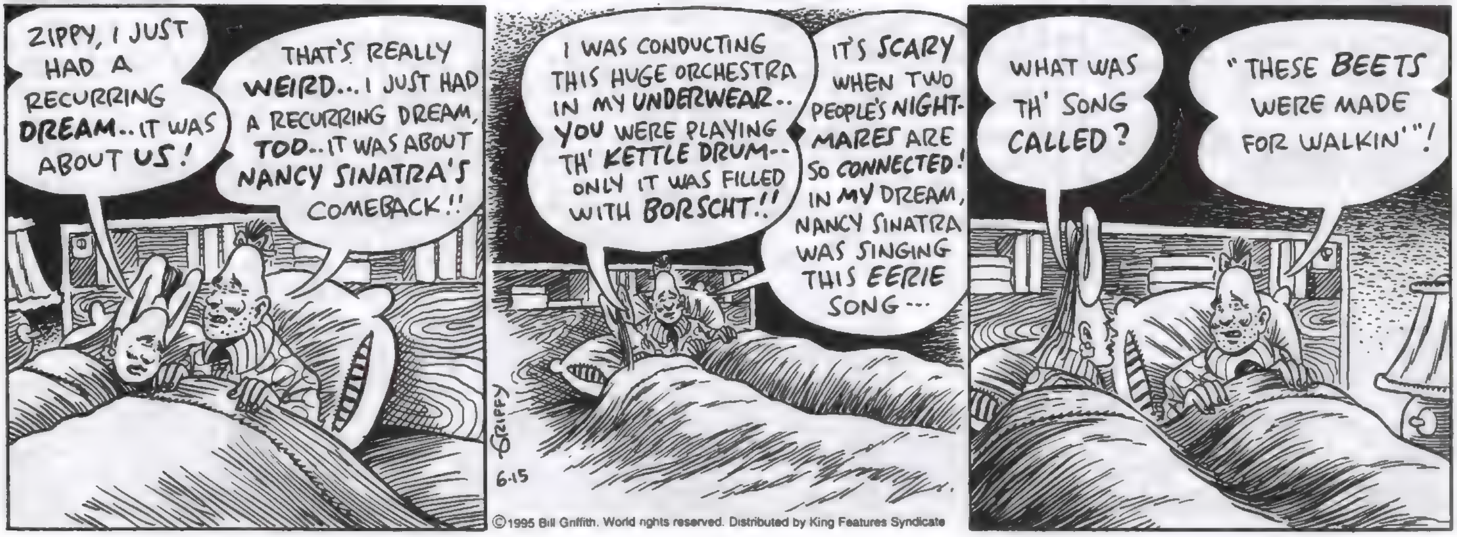
BUT WHAT ABOUT PURE CREATIVITY? TH' EMERGENCE OF AN IDEA, OR, WELL, GENETIC ENGINEERING?
IT WAS ALWAYS THERE.
EVERY SONG, EVERY PAINTING, EVERY MATHEMATICAL FORMULA ALREADY EXISTS!!
..YOU'RE.. ..YOU'RE HURTING MY SHOULDERS, MR. TOAD..
GRIFFY 6-14
SOMETIMES I THINK YOU DELIGHT IN TORTURING ME, MR. TOAD.. ...WHY IS THAT, MR. TOAD??
I'M A BIG BULLY.

ZIPPY "IN THE SOUP" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY, I JUST HAD A RECURRING DREAM.. IT WAS ABOUT US!
THAT'S REALLY WEIRD... I JUST HAD A RECURRING DREAM, TOO.. IT WAS ABOUT NANCY SINATRA'S COMEBACK!!
I WAS CONDUCTING THIS HUGE ORCHESTRA IN MY UNDERWEAR.. YOU WERE PLAYING TH' KETTLE DRUM.. ONLY IT WAS FILLED WITH BORSCHT!!
IT'S SCARY WHEN TWO PEOPLE'S NIGHTMARES ARE SO CONNECTED! IN MY DREAM, NANCY SINATRA WAS SINGING THIS EERIE SONG...
GRIFFY 6-15
WHAT WAS TH' SONG CALLED?
"THESE BEETS WERE MADE FOR WALKIN'"!

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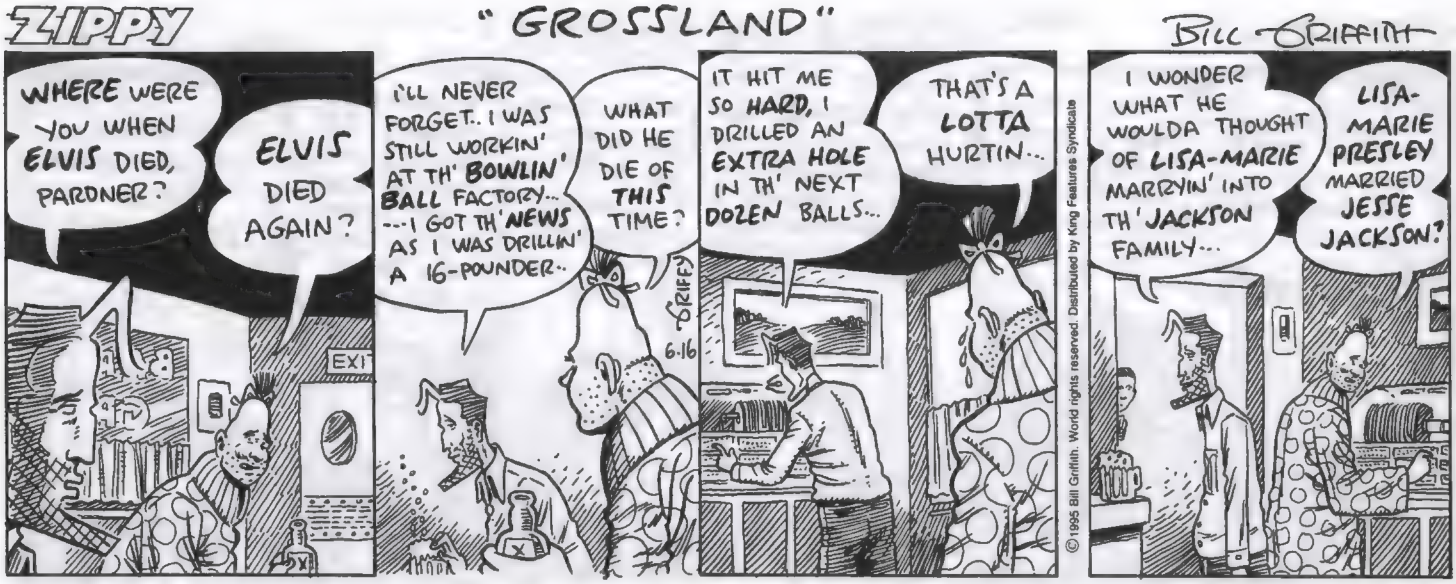
ZIPPY
"GROSSLAND"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN ELVIS DIED, PARDNER?
ELVIS DIED AGAIN?
EXIT
I'LL NEVER FORGET.. I WAS STILL WORKIN' AT TH' BOWLIN' BALL FACTORY.. ---I GOT TH' NEWS AS I WAS DRILLIN' A 16-POUNDER..
WHAT DID HE DIE OF THIS TIME?
GRIFFY 6.16
IT HIT ME SO HARD, I DRILLED AN EXTRA HOLE IN TH' NEXT DOZEN BALLS...
THAT'S A LOTTA HURTIN...
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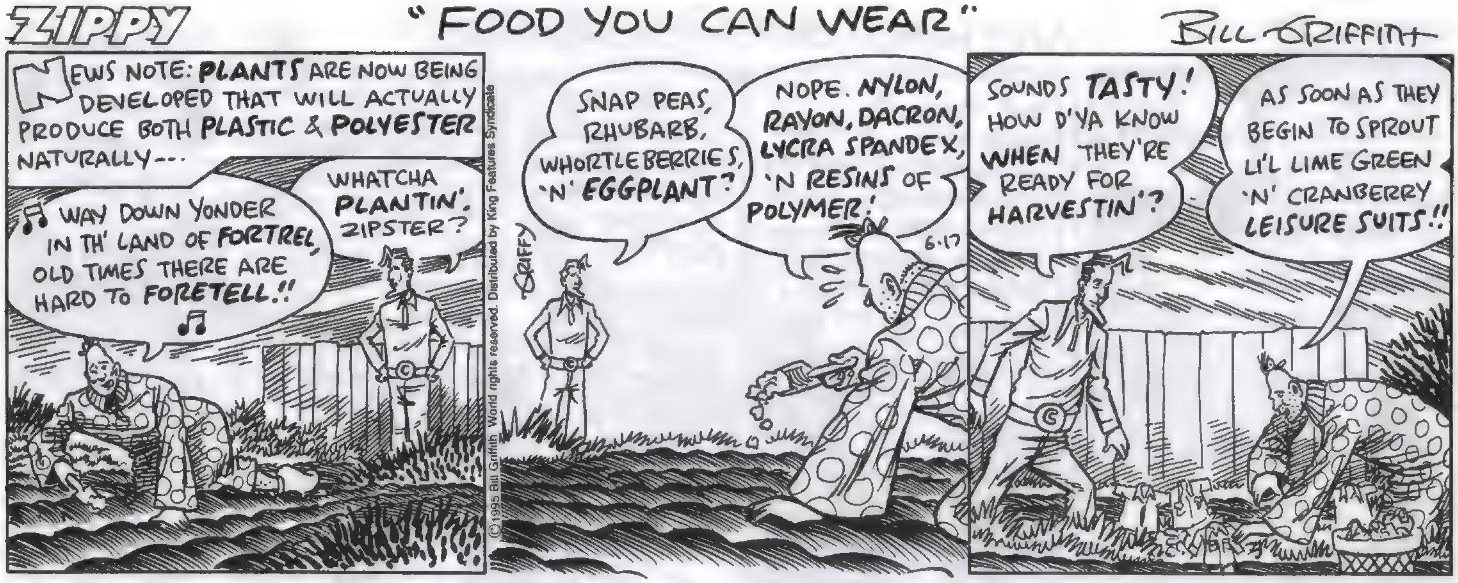
I WONDER WHAT HE WOULDA THOUGHT OF LISA-MARIE MARRYIN' INTO TH' JACKSON FAMILY...
LISA-MARIE PRESLEY MARRIED JESSE JACKSON?


ZIPPY
"FOOD YOU CAN WEAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
NEWS NOTE: PLANTS ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED THAT WILL ACTUALLY PRODUCE BOTH PLASTIC & POLYESTER NATURALLY---
♫ WAY DOWN YONDER IN TH' LAND OF FORTREL, OLD TIMES THERE ARE HARD TO FORETELL!! ♫
WHATCHA PLANTIN', ZIPSTER?
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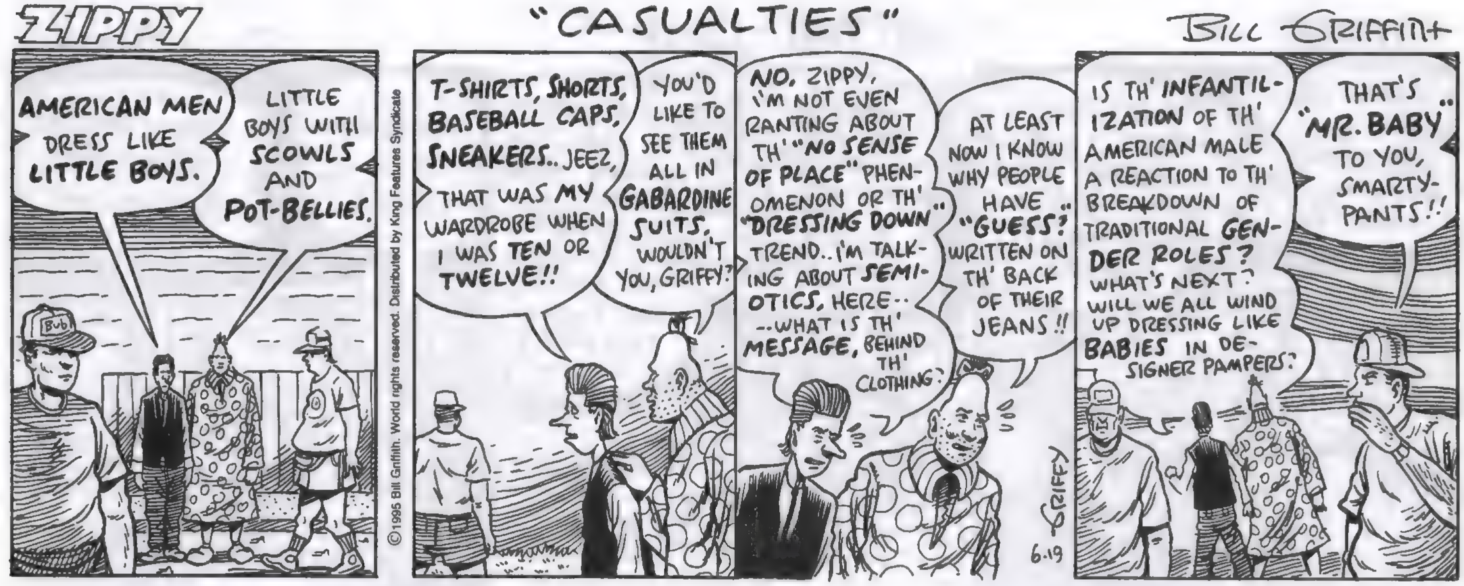
SNAP PEAS, RHUBARB, WHORTLEBERRIES, 'N' EGGPLANT?
GRIFFY
NOPE. NYLON, RAYON, DACRON, LYCRA SPANDEX, 'N RESINS OF POLYMER!
6.17
SOUNDS TASTY! HOW D'YA KNOW WHEN THEY'RE READY FOR HARVESTIN'?
AS SOON AS THEY BEGIN TO SPROUT LI'L LIME GREEN 'N' CRANBERRY LEISURE SUITS!!


ZIPPY
"CASUALTIES"
BILL GRIFFITH
AMERICAN MEN DRESS LIKE LITTLE BOYS.
LITTLE BOYS WITH SCOWLS AND POT-BELLIES.
BUD
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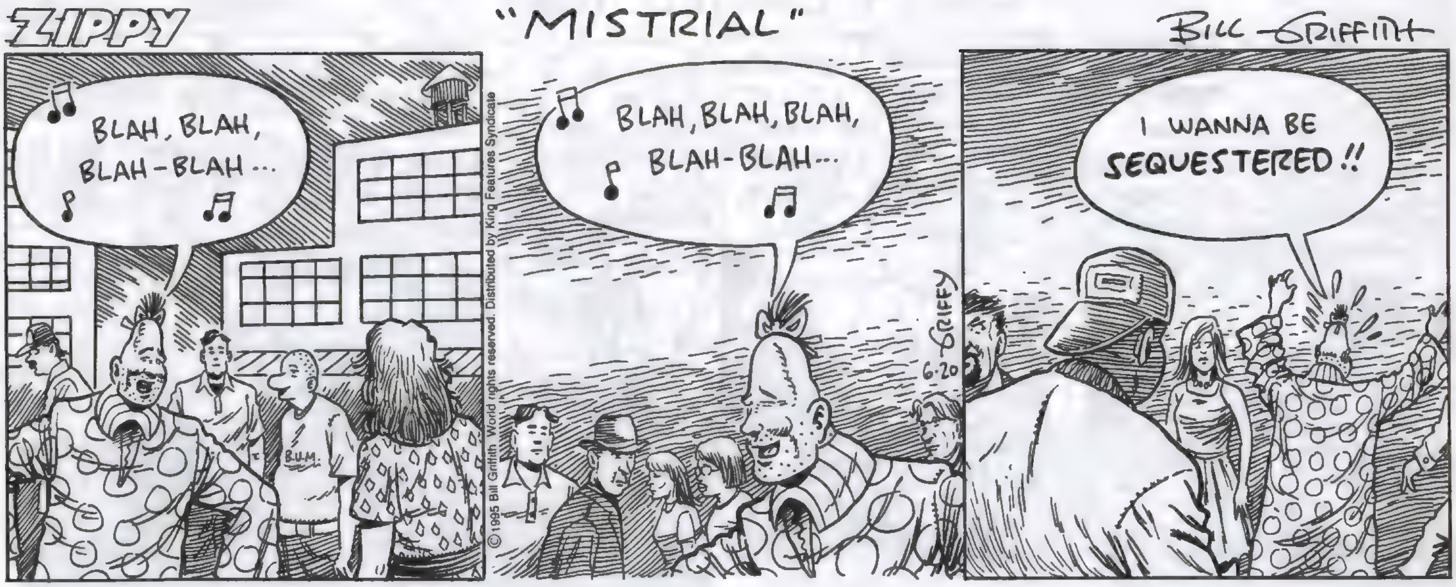
T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, BASEBALL CAPS, SNEAKERS.. JEEZ, THAT WAS MY WARDROBE WHEN I WAS TEN OR TWELVE!!
YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THEM ALL IN GABARDINE SUITS, WOULDN'T YOU, GRIFFY?
NO, ZIPPY, I'M NOT EVEN RANTING ABOUT TH' "NO SENSE OF PLACE" PHENOMENON OR TH' "DRESSING DOWN" TREND.. I'M TALKING ABOUT SEMIOTICS, HERE.. --WHAT IS TH' MESSAGE, BEHIND TH' CLOTHING?
AT LEAST NOW I KNOW WHY PEOPLE HAVE "GUESS?" WRITTEN ON TH' BACK OF THEIR JEANS!!
GRIFFY 6.19
IS TH' INFANTILIZATION OF TH' AMERICAN MALE A REACTION TO TH' BREAKDOWN OF TRADITIONAL GENDER ROLES? WHAT'S NEXT? WILL WE ALL WIND UP DRESSING LIKE BABIES IN DESIGNER PAMPERS?
THAT'S "MR. BABY" TO YOU, SMARTY-PANTS!!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"MISTRIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH-BLAH...
B.U.M.
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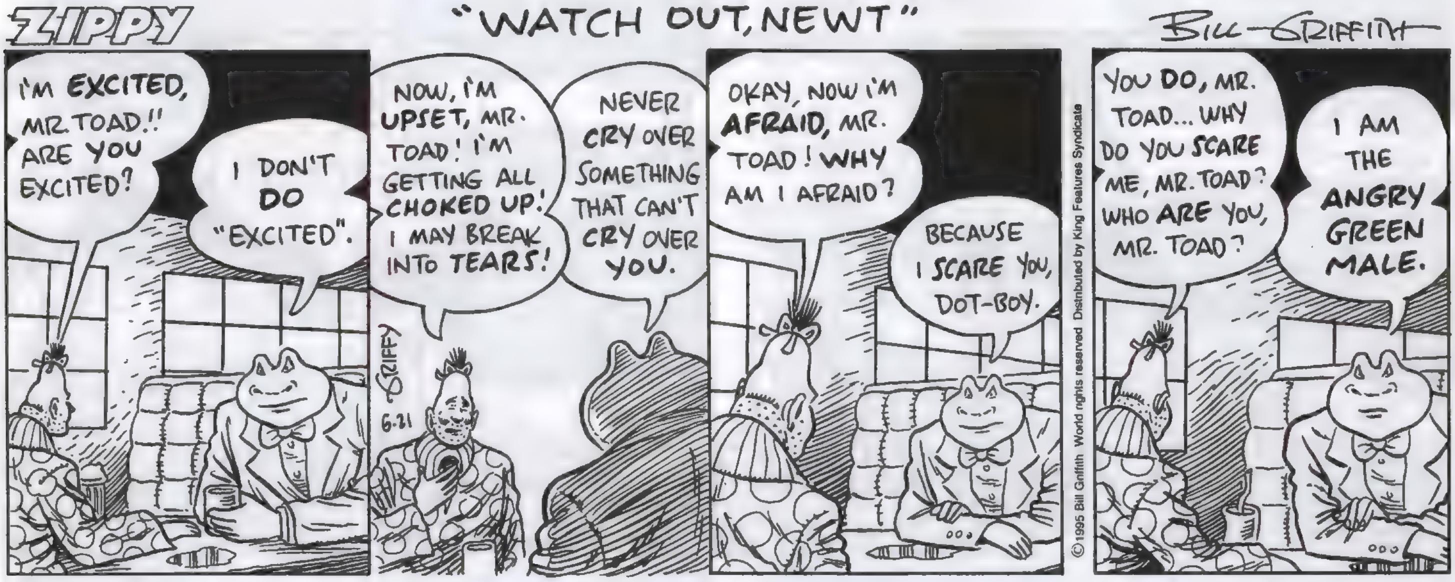
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH-BLAH...
GRIFFY
6-20
I WANNA BE SEQUESTERED!!


ZIPPY
"WATCH OUT, NEWT"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M EXCITED, MR. TOAD!! ARE YOU EXCITED?
I DON'T DO "EXCITED".
NOW, I'M UPSET, MR. TOAD! I'M GETTING ALL CHOKED UP! I MAY BREAK INTO TEARS!
NEVER CRY OVER SOMETHING THAT CAN'T CRY OVER YOU.
GRIFFY
6-21
OKAY, NOW I'M AFRAID, MR. TOAD! WHY AM I AFRAID?
BECAUSE I SCARE YOU, DOT-BOY.
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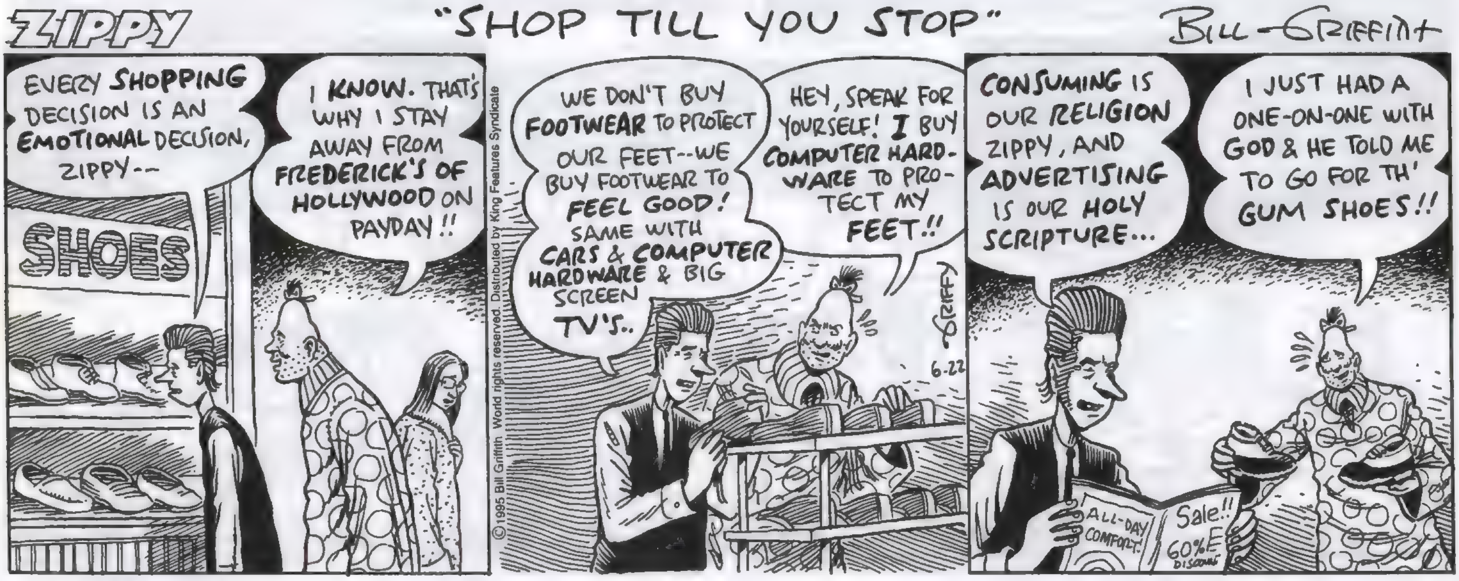
YOU DO, MR. TOAD... WHY DO YOU SCARE ME, MR. TOAD? WHO ARE YOU, MR. TOAD?
I AM THE ANGRY GREEN MALE.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"SHOP TILL YOU STOP"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVERY SHOPPING DECISION IS AN EMOTIONAL DECISION, ZIPPY--
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I STAY AWAY FROM FREDERICK'S OF HOLLYWOOD ON PAYDAY!!
SHOES
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WE DON'T BUY FOOTWEAR TO PROTECT OUR FEET--WE BUY FOOTWEAR TO FEEL GOOD! SAME WITH CARS & COMPUTER HARDWARE & BIG SCREEN TV'S..
HEY, SPEAK FOR YOURSELF! I BUY COMPUTER HARDWARE TO PROTECT MY FEET!!
GRIFFY
6-22
CONSUMING IS OUR RELIGION ZIPPY, AND ADVERTISING IS OUR HOLY SCRIPTURE...
I JUST HAD A ONE-ON-ONE WITH GOD & HE TOLD ME TO GO FOR TH' GUM SHOES!!
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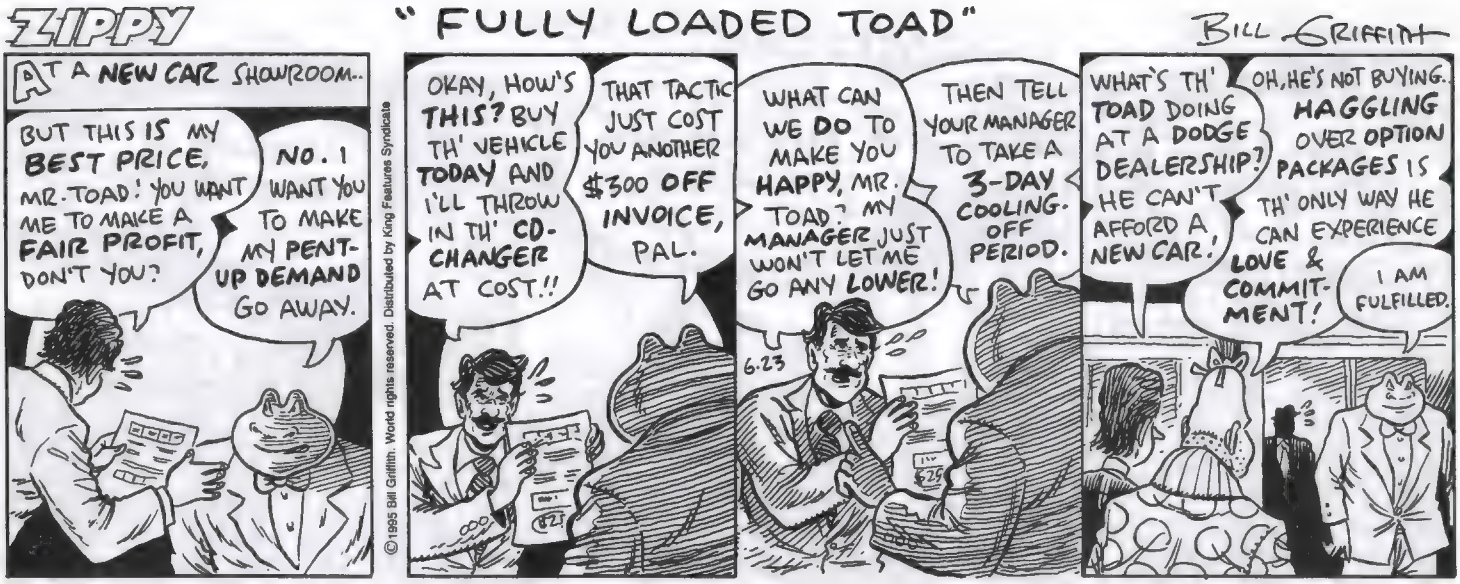
ZIPPY
"FULLY LOADED TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
AT A NEW CAR SHOWROOM..
BUT THIS IS MY BEST PRICE, MR. TOAD! YOU WANT ME TO MAKE A FAIR PROFIT, DON'T YOU?
NO. I WANT YOU TO MAKE MY PENT-UP DEMAND GO AWAY.
OKAY, HOW'S THIS? BUY TH' VEHICLE TODAY AND I'LL THROW IN TH' CD-CHANGER AT COST!!
THAT TACTIC JUST COST YOU ANOTHER $300 OFF INVOICE, PAL.
WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, MR. TOAD? MY MANAGER JUST WON'T LET ME GO ANY LOWER!
THEN TELL YOUR MANAGER TO TAKE A 3-DAY COOLING-OFF PERIOD.
6-23
WHAT'S TH' TOAD DOING AT A DODGE DEALERSHIP? HE CAN'T AFFORD A NEW CAR!
OH, HE'S NOT BUYING.. HAGGLING OVER OPTION PACKAGES IS TH' ONLY WAY HE CAN EXPERIENCE LOVE & COMMITMENT!
I AM FULFILLED.
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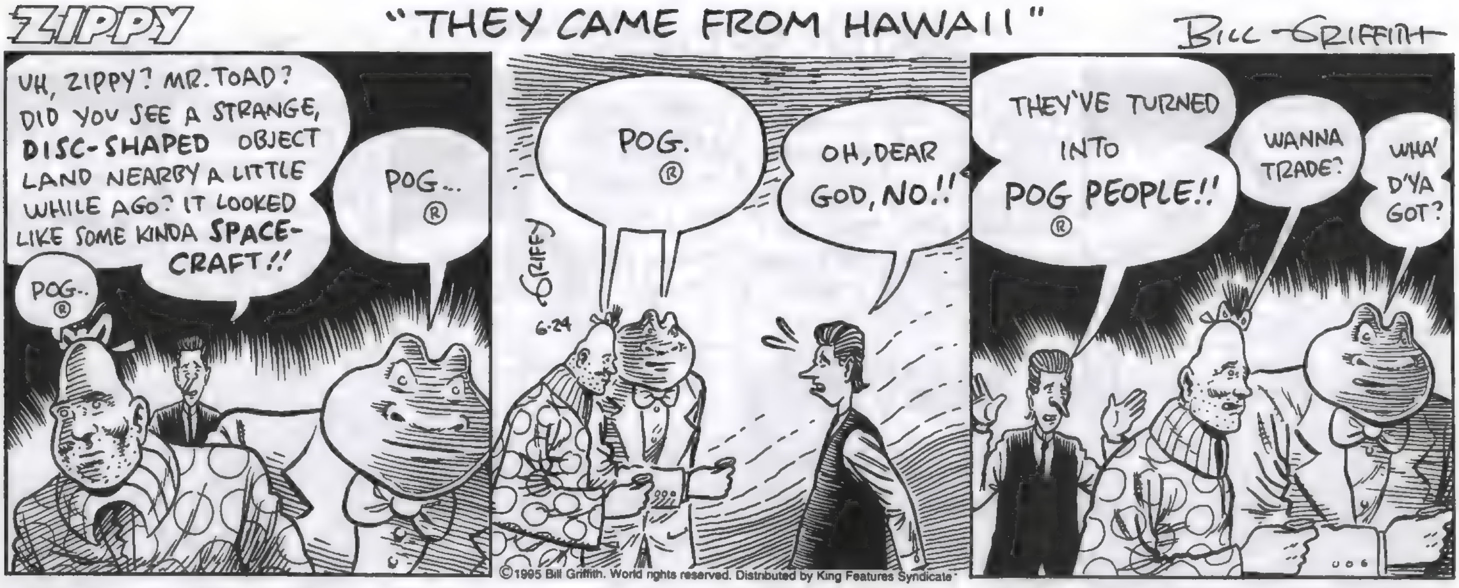
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"THEY CAME FROM HAWAII"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH, ZIPPY? MR. TOAD? DID YOU SEE A STRANGE, DISC-SHAPED OBJECT LAND NEARBY A LITTLE WHILE AGO? IT LOOKED LIKE SOME KINDA SPACE-CRAFT!!
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OH, DEAR GOD, NO!!
GRIFFY
6-24
THEY'VE TURNED INTO POG PEOPLE!!®
WANNA TRADE?
WHA' D'YA GOT?
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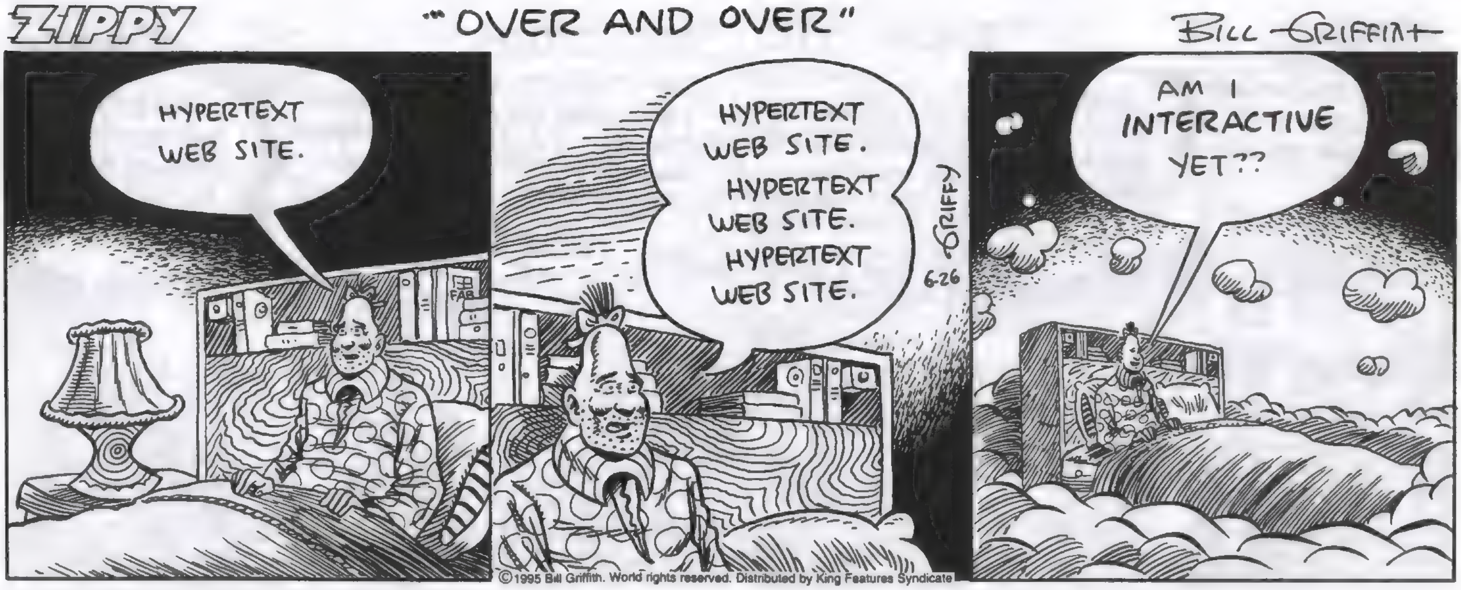
ZIPPY
"OVER AND OVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
HYPERTEXT WEB SITE.
HYPERTEXT WEB SITE. HYPERTEXT WEB SITE. HYPERTEXT WEB SITE.
GRIFFY
6-26
AM I INTERACTIVE YET??
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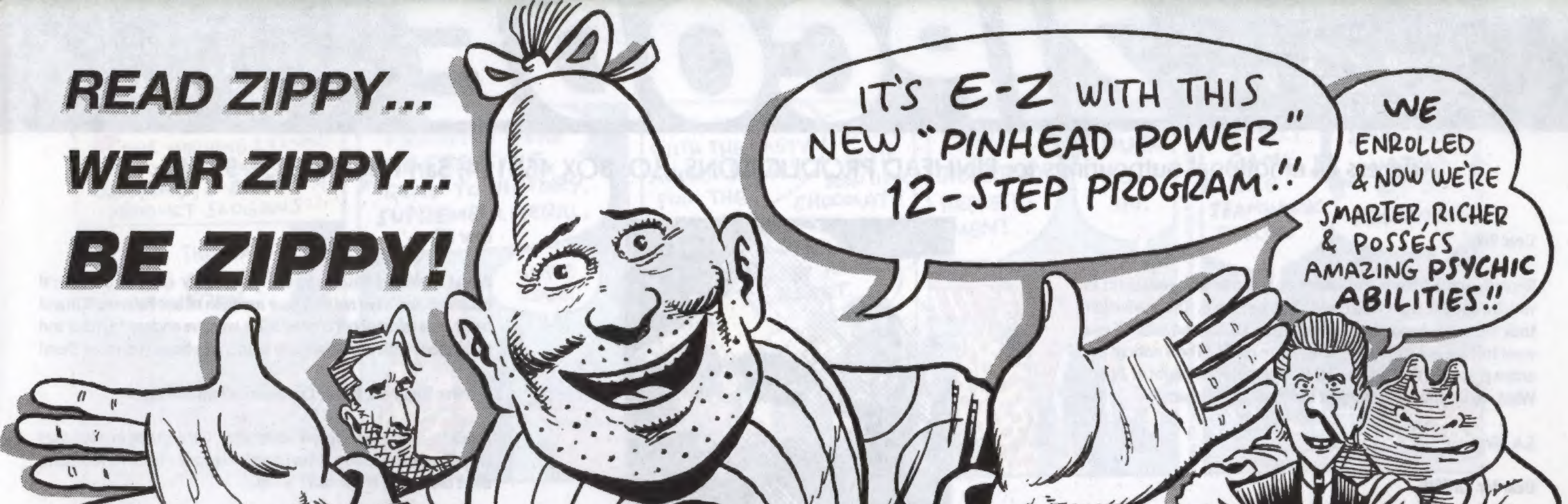
READ ZIPPY... WEAR ZIPPY... BE ZIPPY!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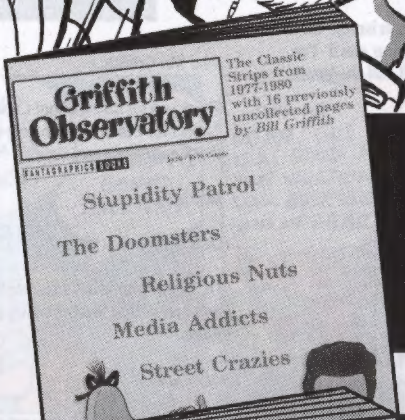
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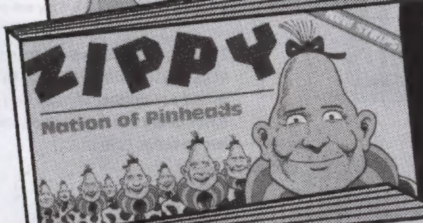
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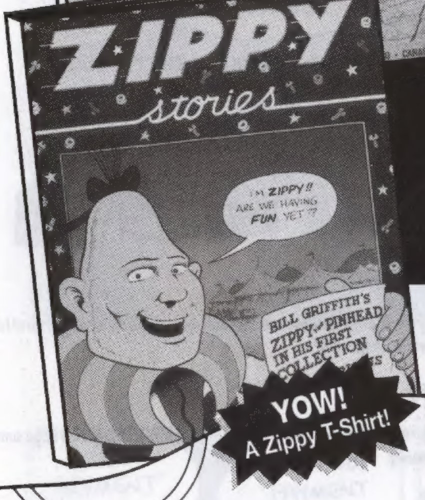
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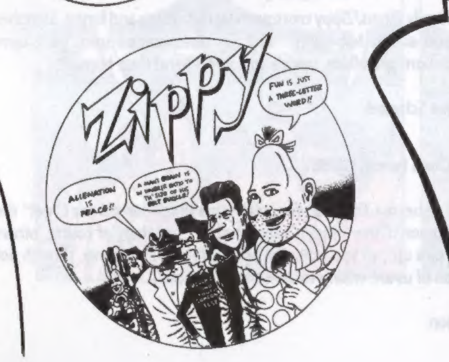
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Dear Bill,

Recently some friends and I were at a Kansas City restaurant in which a sizeable crowd were waiting to be seated. The headwaiter took my name, handed me a small, black device and said, "If you want to leave, we'll beep you when we're ready." I now noticed the entire crowd was beeper-bedecked. Naturally, I thought of Zippy. What would you call a moment like that? A Zipiphany?

S.A. King

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I have my own solution to "How To Read Zippy" (this issue). Give us word balloons we can read without a magnifying glass! I've enjoyed the strip for a number of years — even if half the time I don't know what you're talking about!

Fred A. Peters

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Dear Bill,

I wanted to take some time to drop you a quick letter saying how much I enjoyed your new book, "Zippy's House of Fun". Although a little unwieldy (I would risk hitting my girlfriend in the head whilst opening it in bed), it's a beautiful thing. I really liked the "Random Memories" pieces. At the risk of sounding like a drooling fanboy, I do look forward to the second volume sometime around the year 2000?

Adam Green

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I, too, am a fan of *Smokey Stover* by Bill Holman (Zippy, 5/5/95), but I have been unable to decode one "joke" — "Notary Sojac". Is it a pun? A secret message like when Carol Burnett tugs on her ear? An anagram? What does it all mean?

Patrick Grace

Patrick — Like you, I assume it must be more than word-play on "Notary Public". But I don't have any further clues. I throw this mystery out to my readers for elucidation. — BG

Dear Bill,

First let me tell you that Zippy helped me to survive the insanity of graduate school and then the greater insanity of life. Second, when I was a college professor, I used Zippy to teach music theory. Can you imagine how the great Pinhead would feel to learn that his "Like, I like Ike" helped music students understand elliptical cadences in Mozart? Finally, do you know anyone who might like to organize a national Zippy convention? If the Trekkies can do this, why not the Pinheads?

Ira Braus

Ira — A Zippy convention sounds cool. Maybe I could at last unload some of those muu-muus I had made in Mexico. Plus, I'm sure all eight of us could easily fit into the local Motel Six. — BG

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Thank you for caring about Cuba. When I return there in June with Pastors for Peace, it will be my sixth trip and I suffer from culture shock each and every time.

Jane Jackson

Dear Griffy,

The Cuba episode is Pulitzer stuff! I hope it helps end our ridiculous isolation of that lovely country and restore it to "favored nation" status.

Jack Gardner

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Thank you for your wonderful series on Cuba. This is an ideal time in history for Griffy and Zippy to visit Cuba. But must Griffy travel to find a semblance of happiness? Why can't he ignore the media? If he doesn't like the "media-soaked culture", why does he stay up late to watch Letterman?

Tom Lachman

Tom — Griffy doesn't ***watch*** *TV. Griffy* ***monitors*** *TV. It's a dirty job, etc.*

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Why don't you take your pinhead and move to Cuba? Stop working for the Yankee Dollar!!

William D. Krohe

Dear Bill,

The personages of "Zippy" are really agreeable although I didn't understand some of the jokes by the cultural differences that prevents me from understanding them. "Cuba — The Reality Tour" (ZQ #10) reflect very well some aspects of this reality and I'm completely in accordance with you — and this is a meager true — that we go falling more and more deep in the ruin by the gross mistakes of base of the government of this country. It resulted very interesting for me seeing stood out in your work things that result very commons and normals for us (as the street Bic lighters fillers). In general, the vision of a stranger offer interesting points of view hard to see by the inside people even more when the majority of the information that enters to the country is filtered for the political censorship. Thank you for everything. A colleague and admirer.

Antonio J. Caparó (Havana, Cuba)

Dear Bill,

We at Malden Mills have read your Zippy cartoon on several occasions and have noticed your mention of our Polartec ® brand name. As a token of our appreciation, we have enclosed a jacket and socks made with our Polartec ® fabric. We hope you enjoy them!

Jennifer Sommers, Public Communications Manager

Jennifer — Thank you. Zippy loves Polartec. Got anything in yellow with red polka dots? And why, when I mention Ferraris and Calvin Klein suits, don't ***they*** *arrive in the mail? — BG*

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Bill,

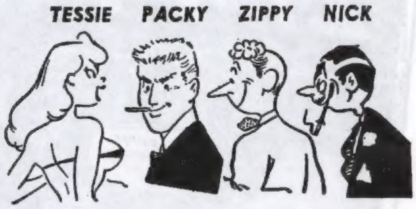
Your cartoons are the cheapest and most effective form of therapy I know.

Connie Jeung-Mills

Aloha Mr. Zippy,

Thank you for your continued support of Congressman Sonny Bono. Maybe now it's time recognize his true potential as a vice-presidential candidate. He knows, like you, that *style is all that matters!*

R. Downey



Dear Griffy,

Why have you abandoned the search for Borrah Minnevitch and his Harmonica Rascals?

Ira Dye

Ira — Because it was taking up all my time and running into huge sums of money.

Bill,

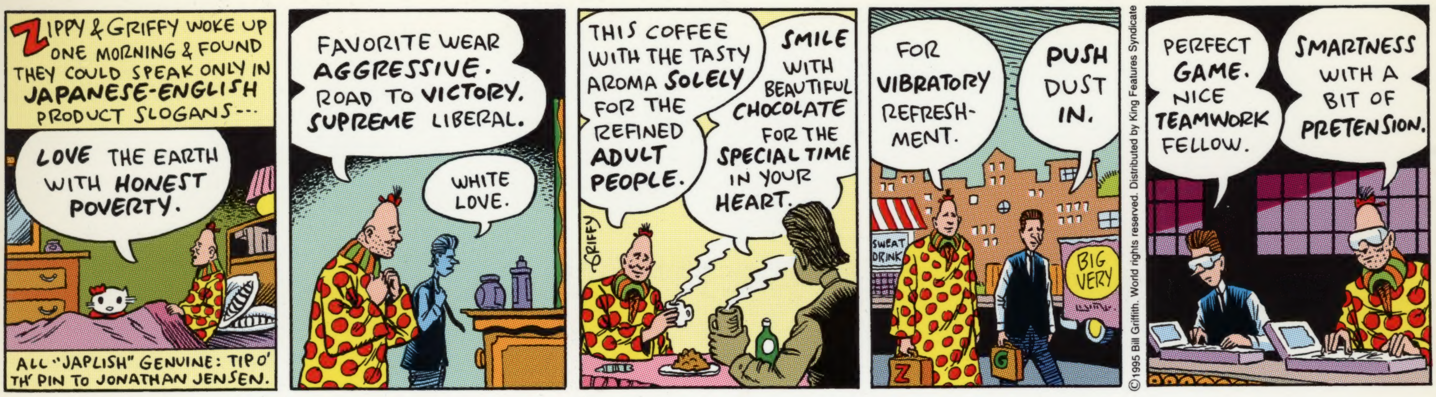
Family Circus/Zippy crossover was disturbing and funny. I laughed and almost felt guilty. Will my disembodied spirit gaze upon unborn grandkids, unable to comprehend their humor?

Joe Schwind

Good Person Griffith,

I've been a Zippy fan for quite some time. Sometimes I "get" the humor. Other times it's too "far out", but then, of course, others "pick up", so to speak. We are all clowns, in our way, though not all of us are willing to admit to such "fun".

Jon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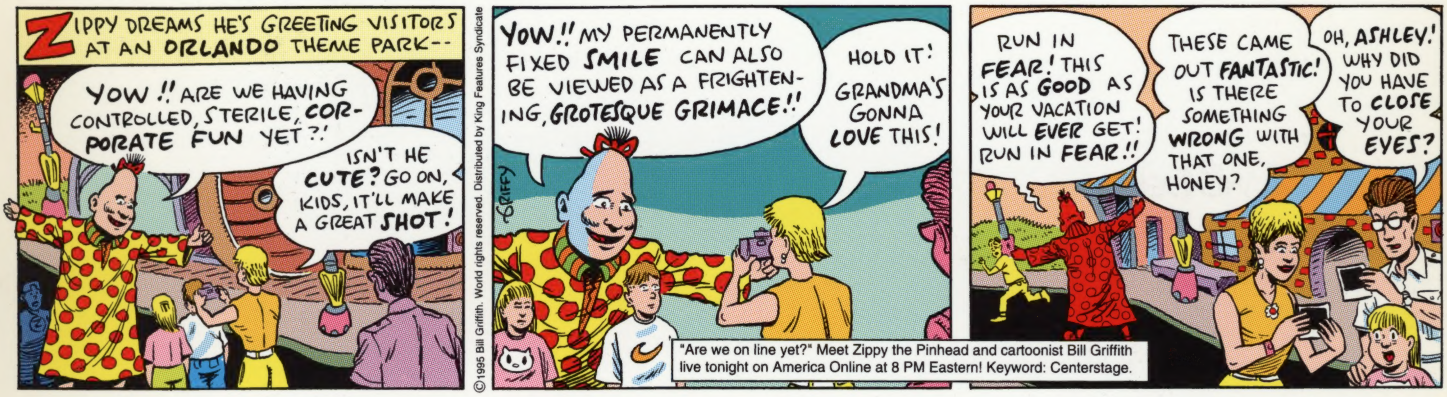
ZIPPY DREAMS HE'S GREETING VISITORS AT AN ORLANDO THEME PARK--
YOW!! ARE WE HAVING CONTROLLED, STERILE, CORPORATE FUN YET?!
ISN'T HE CUTE? GO ON, KIDS, IT'LL MAKE A GREAT SHOT!
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YOW!! MY PERMANENTLY FIXED SMILE CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AS A FRIGHTENING, GROTESQUE GRIMACE!!
HOLD IT! GRANDMA'S GONNA LOVE THIS!
GRIFFY
RUN IN FEAR! THIS IS AS GOOD AS YOUR VACATION WILL EVER GET! RUN IN FEAR!!
THESE CAME OUT FANTASTIC! IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT ONE, HONEY?
OH, ASHLEY! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO CLOSE YOUR EYES?

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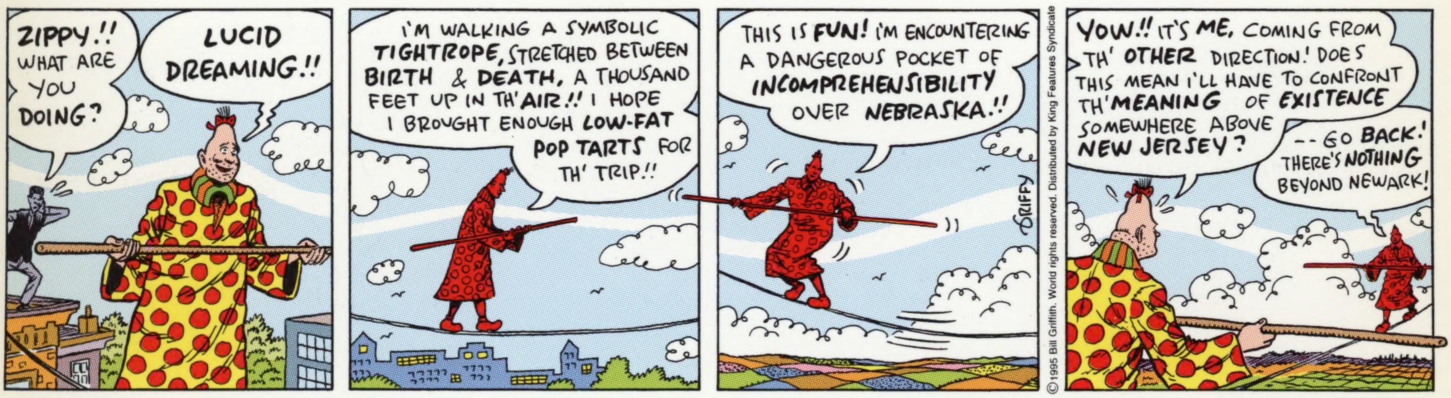
ZIPPY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LUCID DREAMING!!
I'M WALKING A SYMBOLIC TIGHTROPE, STRETCHED BETWEEN BIRTH & DEATH, A THOUSAND FEET UP IN TH' AIR!! I HOPE I BROUGHT ENOUGH LOW-FAT POP TARTS FOR TH' TRIP!!
THIS IS FUN! I'M ENCOUNTERING A DANGEROUS POCKET OF INCOMPREHENSIBILITY OVER NEBRASKA!!
GRIFFY
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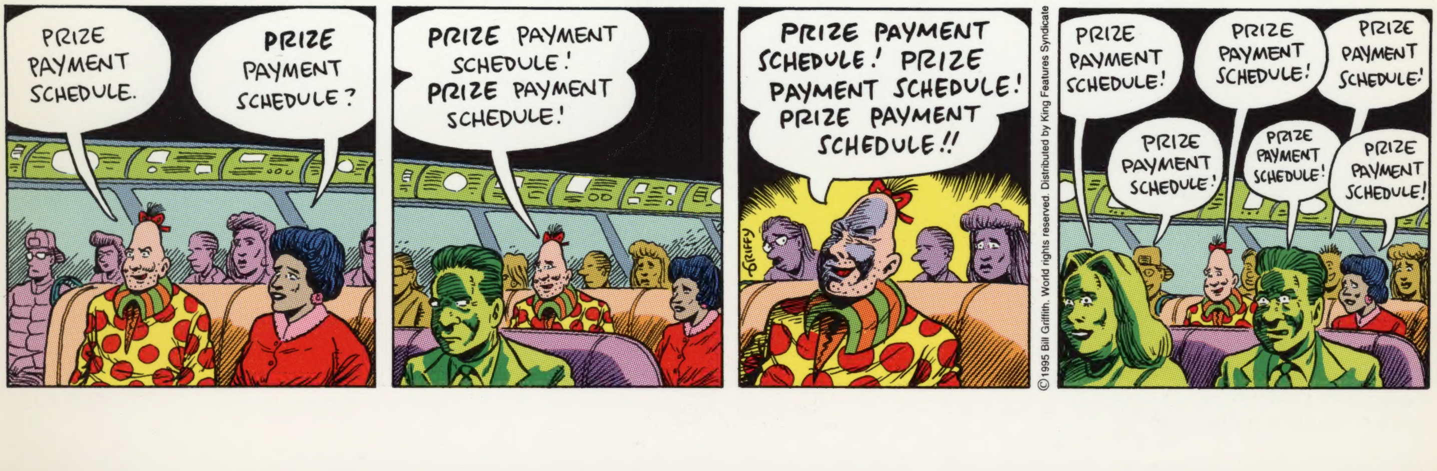
YOW!! IT'S ME, COMING FROM TH' OTHER DIRECTION! DOES THIS MEAN I'LL HAVE TO CONFRONT TH' MEANING OF EXISTENCE SOMEWHERE ABOVE NEW JERSEY?
--GO BACK! THERE'S NOTHING BEYOND NEWARK!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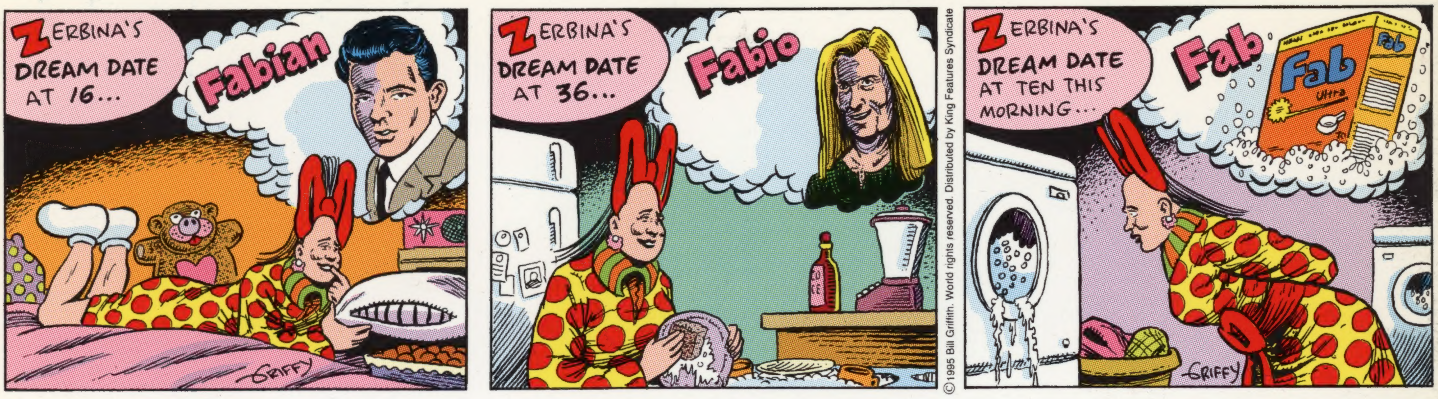
ZERBINA'S DREAM DATE AT 16...
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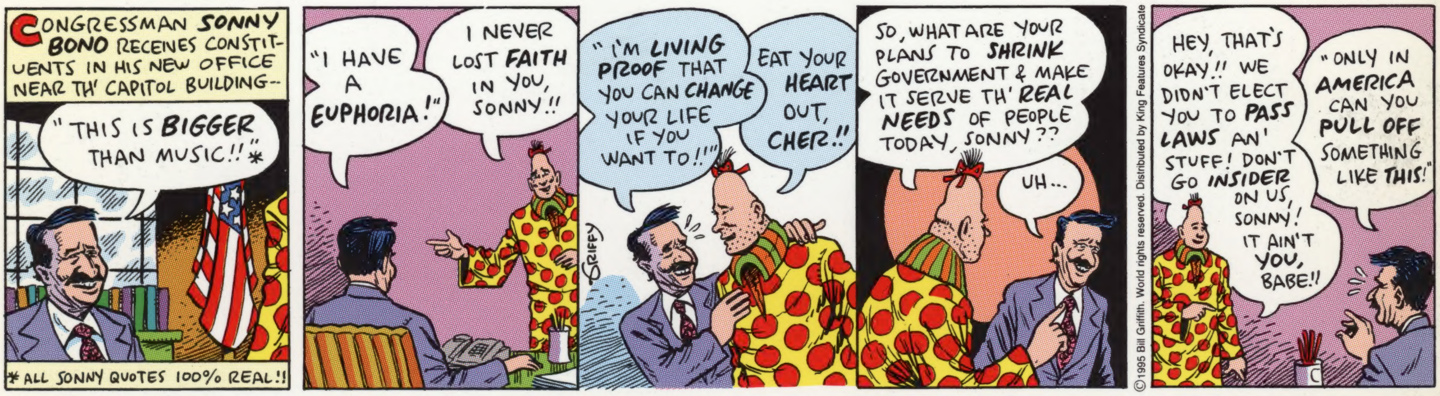
CONGRESSMAN SONNY BONO RECEIVES CONSTITUENTS IN HIS NEW OFFICE NEAR TH' CAPITOL BUILDING--
"THIS IS BIGGER THAN MUSIC!!"*
*ALL SONNY QUOTES 100% REAL!!
"I HAVE A EUPHORIA!"
I NEVER LOST FAITH IN YOU, SONNY!!
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"I'M LIVING PROOF THAT YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE IF YOU WANT TO!!"
EAT YOUR HEART OUT, CHER!!
SO, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO SHRINK GOVERNMENT & MAKE IT SERVE TH' REAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE TODAY, SONNY??
UH...
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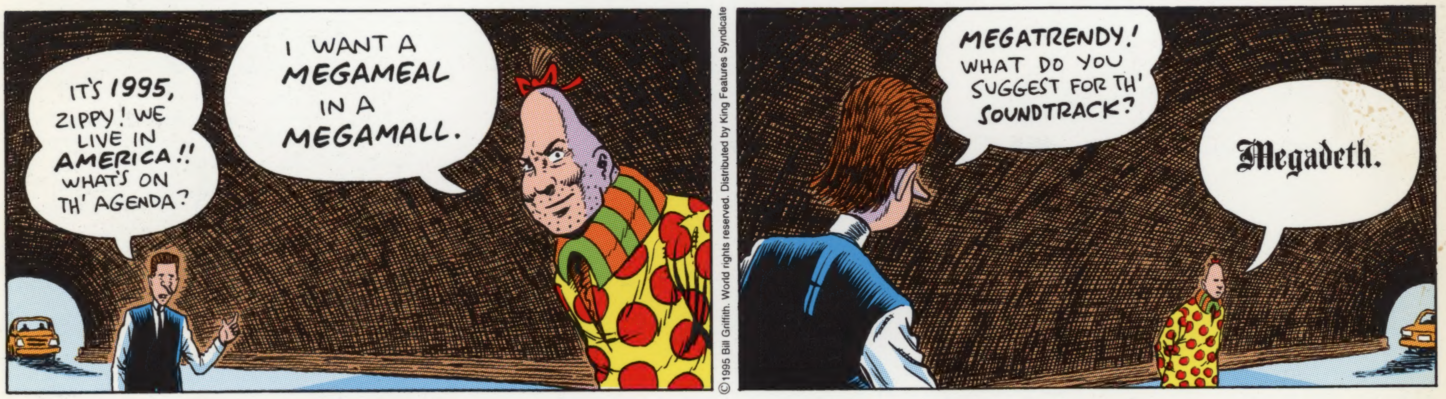
HEY, THAT'S OKAY!! WE DIDN'T ELECT YOU TO PASS LAWS AN' STUFF! DON'T GO INSIDER ON US, SONNY! IT AIN'T YOU, BABE!!
"ONLY IN AMERICA CAN YOU PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THIS!"


IT'S 1995, ZIPPY! WE LIVE IN AMERICA!! WHAT'S ON TH' AGENDA?
I WANT A MEGAMEAL IN A MEGAMALL.
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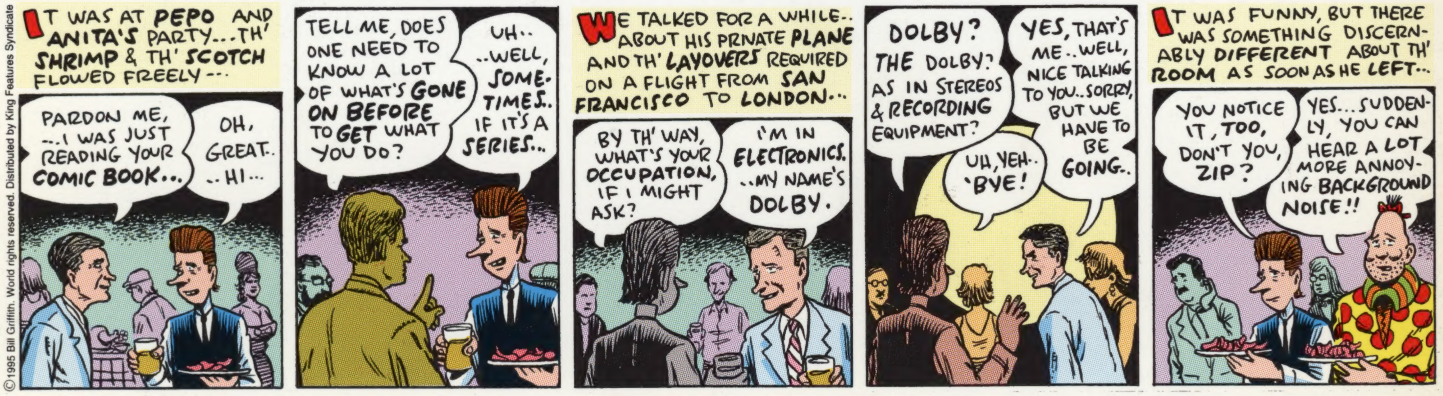
MEGATRENDY! WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST FOR TH' SOUNDTRACK?
Megadeth.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IT WAS AT PEPO AND ANITA'S PARTY... TH' SHRIMP & TH' SCOTCH FLOWED FREELY--.
PARDON ME, ...I WAS JUST READING YOUR COMIC BOOK...
OH, GREAT.. ..HI...
TELL ME, DOES ONE NEED TO KNOW A LOT OF WHAT'S GONE ON BEFORE TO GET WHAT YOU DO?
UH.. ..WELL, SOMETIMES.. IF IT'S A SERIES..
WE TALKED FOR A WHILE.. ABOUT HIS PRIVATE PLANE AND TH' LAYOVERS REQUIRED ON A FLIGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LONDON...
BY TH' WAY, WHAT'S YOUR OCCUPATION, IF I MIGHT ASK?
I'M IN ELECTRONICS. ..MY NAME'S DOLBY.
DOLBY? THE DOLBY? AS IN STEREOS & RECORDING EQUIPMENT?
YES, THAT'S ME..WELL, NICE TALKING TO YOU..SORRY, BUT WE HAVE TO BE GOING..
UH, YEH.. 'BYE!
IT WAS FUNNY, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING DISCERNABLY DIFFERENT ABOUT TH' ROOM AS SOON AS HE LEFT...
YOU NOTICE IT, TOO, DON'T YOU, ZIP?
YES... SUDDENLY, YOU CAN HEAR A LOT MORE ANNOYING BACKGROUND NOISE!!

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